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## Hannon Parlor's Usage Policy Meets Opposition from Clubs

By Summer Cervantez  
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Usually campus facilities are widely available for student use, as long as clubs and organizations make reservations in advance. So, it may be a surprise to some club leaders if they go to reserve Hannon Parlor or the President's Conference Room and are told the answer: they will be granted access only with the President's approval.

This incident is similar to what happened to the Kappa Delta Chi's Pledge Mistress, Yolanda Olmos, when she attempted to reserve Hannon Parlor for the annual Kappa Tea. "When I went to reserve the room, they told me the room was no longer available to student groups. I was shocked since we had a meeting planned for that night in the room." While the Kappas were allowed to use the room that night, they were told from then on they would have to find another place to hold their meetings. Olmos immediately

contacted the Kappas President, Denise Koller, to discuss the situation. Koller had received no verbal or written communication regarding the use of the room prior to Olmos informing her. The Kappas found it particularly

Consequently, Koller decided to write a letter to Sr. Karen Kennelly, the president of the Mount. The letter stated the Kappa's concerns and promised Kennelly they would take special care of the room if they were

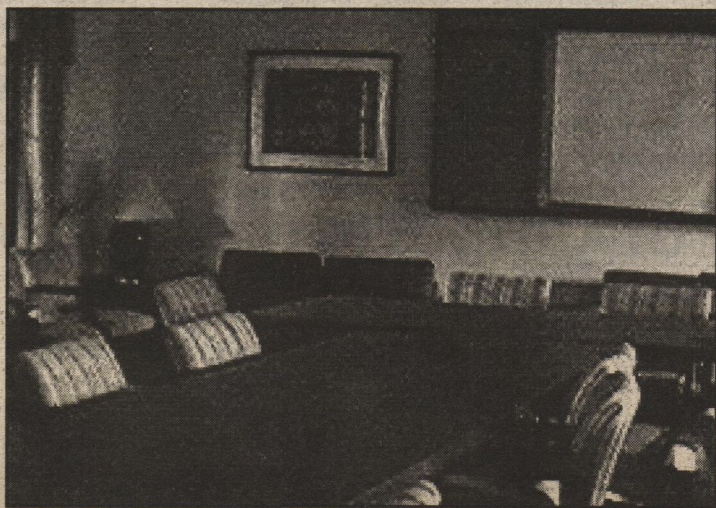
allowed the use of it. Kennelly promptly granted routine use of the room to the Kappas.

In a recent interview Kennelly offered some explanations and insight into the policies regarding the use of Hannon Parlor and the President's Conference Room. She wanted to make

it clear the policy "hasn't changed from last year, the only difference is that in past years the implementation of the policy has gotten vague." Kennelly believes that with frequent changes in Student Activities directors, perhaps exceptions were made

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Hannon Parlor, located outside of Brady Hall, is one of the most formal meeting places on campus. (Photo by Moria Demby)

disturbing since some of the dates to use Hannon Parlor had been made last semester. "We thought it was very unfair we were given no notice and no special consideration as a club," stated Olmos, "We are the oldest organization on campus and it has been tradition to hold many of our events in Hannon Parlor."

## Overcoming the Parking Crunch

By Joan Fletcher  
Staff Writer

Faculty and students alike are finding a bit of a parking crunch this year. More and more commuters are finding full parking lots and find themselves searching for alternatives to the over-crowded lots. Many alternatives such as carpooling and a parking lot at the bottom of the hill are being considered.

Everyone sees a different view of the problem. First year commuter Brianne Williams explained that "if you don't get here early, all the spots are taken because all the early commuters are parked in them." According to Williams, the parking structure is fairly crowded because at least "two levels are taken up by residents and faculty." She also explained that the problem worsens when people get desperate and make their own parking spaces.

Second year commuter Stacy Bates agrees, saying "there are not enough spaces left if you get here at 7:30 or later. A lot of people don't know where else to park and don't know the alternatives to the parking structure."

Commuters are not the

only ones with legitimate complaints. First year resident Vanessa Perry explained that the problem is very complex with concerns ranging from an overly expensive parking permit to "lots that are too compact." She complained that the spaces are "too hard to get into. And people need to be more careful. Bigger cars really need to follow the laws. Vans and suburbans shouldn't be parked in spaces labeled 'compact'." Second year resident Heidi Baldonado has a problem "finding parking close to my dorm that is shady."

For every interpretation of the problem, there is a different solution. The most obvious suggestion is carpooling or finding a way to reduce the amount of cars left in the lots by residents during the school week.

Building a parking lot seems like a sensible enough idea, but the problem is where it would be put. There has been talk of a parking lot down the hill with shuttle transportation and "security," but many students oppose that idea, express-

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## Mount Experiences the Challenges of a New Phone System

By Alissa Connor  
Staff writer

Many resident students came back for the 1997-1998 school year to find a drastic change. There is a brand new phone system; students no longer have to go through GTE for phone services and activation. The school now has an entire room dedicated to housing brand new phone equipment. To go along with the equipment the school hired, Diana Marticorena.

At this point many students are experiencing frustration and want to know why the system that had worked fine last year has been exchanged for one that is suffering from a series of chronic problems. Marticorena had this to say, "The school switched systems to provide better service and better savings for the students." Although things did not run smoothly in the beginning, the system did prove to be cheaper. For example, last year GTE charged an \$80 activation charge and then charged additional rates

for toll calls. Student Telephone Services, the company by which the school receives bills, and services, does not charge an activation fee, and all calls within a 12 mile radius North, South, East, and West are free. This confused many students at first, they did not know whether it was just 12 miles one-way that was free, or if certain area codes are free. The student will start getting charged for their calls once they exceed the 12 miles.

students do not realize is all phone companies charge zoning

fees; the fees that occur once you get to 13 miles, these are not necessarily long distance rates. Kimberly Fine, a first year student here at the Mount, commented on the savings, "With all the expenses that we have at the Mount, it's great to have an extra \$80 to put forth towards my education." Rebecca Pelle

slightly different outlook on the savings. "Right now I am waiting to see if there is going to be any savings."

Marticorena is in charge of everything having to do with the phones, for both the Chalon, and Doheny campuses. There are 900 students combined between the campuses and only one Marticorena. When problems with the phones began to arise things got a little crazy on the campuses for Marticorena. One problem was that many students found their phone just not working; there was no dial tone. This problem arose because the company that handles the billing for the school was overwhelmed with the number of students wanting activation at the same time. "STS is to blame," stated Marticorena; she had nothing to do with the activation process.

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New phones have frustration levels running high. (Photo by Sima Alizadeh)

What a second year student, had a



# Security Changes Raise New Safety Concerns: Students have differing views on its effectiveness



A security guard patrols the grounds near the Circle. Stricter rules mean harder work for the security guards, but a higher level of protection for Mount students. (Photo by Moria Demby)

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

Security on the Chalon campus has been a continuously debated issue for quite some time. Questions concerning security conduct, improvements within the department, and future advancements are just some of the issues that have been focused on.

Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President for Student Activities and Supervisor of Security, gave some insight into these much talked about matters. She admitted that there were some problems concerning the security department last year, but, "They did not go overlooked." Each problem was taken care of on an individual basis.

She also pointed out that "the initial system could never be perfect," but, if each issue is addressed accordingly, the system would remain balanced.

Student responses to security issues are varied. Tola Heng, a first year student, believes that "the security depart-

ment has nothing to do with feeling safe." She considers that her feelings of safety come mostly from the overall location of the Mount.

Nilsia Cadena, a third year student, feels that "security spends too much time giving out parking tickets than doing their job." She perceives that security on campus is only getting worse, not better.

The recent modifications made over the summer were a big step towards improvement, according to Lingua.

For example, this year the security department added a new parking enforcement guard who patrols the parking lot. The change was made to allow security to re-establish "their primary function on campus." Therefore, they have more time to deal with students and visitors.

Heidi Vasquez, a third year student, observes that "security is more attentive

and better than last year." They check the doors more often and patrol the grounds consistently.

Millicent Ongaco, a first year student, feels that "security is pretty tight." Many nights she has been up late to see security patrolling the grounds.

A new phone system which alerts security when a 911 call is made and its origin has also been installed.

Future improvements will include the installation of a gate with an arm at the front entrance of the school. Lingua believes that "this will not only be good for public relations, but will also provide tantamount safety for the entire campus."

Furthermore, Lingua employs an open door policy for all students and encourages them to come and talk to her about security issues that concern them.

## Horizon's Day Opens Doors of Opportunity for Students

By Summer Cervantez  
Assistant Editor

In past years, student and faculty involvement and interaction at Horizon's Day has been minimal.

This year, the Horizon's Day planning committee took special care to plan an event that gives an equal opportunity to students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni to present to the whole Mount community their ideas for change.

The theme of this year's event is "Leadership for Social Change." The committee hopes participants will discuss change taking place in all areas of their lives—on campus, in communities, within politics and within their religions.

The inspiration for the theme is based upon the Leadership Social Change Model developed by Dr. Helen

Astin, Associate Director of UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute. Astin, who is also a member on the Mount's Board of Trustees, will be the featured speaker for this year.

The program format is designed so participants have a variety of options in presenting their ideas and suggestions for change to everyone in the Mount community.

Individuals and groups will either be involved in hosting a panel discussion, a roundtable discussion or in designing a visual or artistic presentation depicting their message.

Some topics already up for discussion are parking issues on campus, finding a job after college and how change can be facilitated through education.

Horizon's Day, on September 24, will start off with

the interactive exposition which will last from 11:30 to 1:00.

The exposition will have presentations that will be held both in the Art Gallery and in the Campus Center. Lunch will be served in both places. At 1:00 p.m. participants can hear Astin speak in the Carondelet Center Chapel.

Everyone in the Mount Community is invited to attend, regardless of whether they will be presenting or lending their support.

Classes at Chalon will be canceled from 11:20 a.m. to 2:40 a.m. and from 11:20 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. at Doheny.

Shuttles providing transportation will leave Doheny at 10:45 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and depart from the Chalon campus at 3:00 a.m.



The new members of the Associated Student Body (ASB) laugh and joke at the initiation dinner. They may be having a good time now, but are preparing for the long year of hard work waiting for them. Pictured here are Pamela Monzon, President, and Anna Intharathut, Chair of InterClub Council. (Photo by Moria Demby)

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The second problem dealt with voice mail. For those whose phones had a dial tone, they could only receive calls the first night, not dial out. It was not until the day after everyone had moved in that calls could be placed out. Everything seemed fine; then mysteriously messages were disappearing. Students were frustrated they weren't getting messages left for them because the voice mail accounts were not all set up, and the messages were going to the automat-

ic attendant where they mysteriously disappeared. When all these problems were occurring students kept asking themselves why the system that had worked fine last year had been exchanged for one riddled with problems. Since then the problems have been given to Marticorena, and they are currently being taken care of.

With the major glitches out of the way, students now want to have their separate mailboxes. Marticorena has been working

hard trying to get these ready for all students, both at Chalon and Doheny. If you have not received the codes needed to set up your own personal mailboxes

on the phones, Marticorena is available for you., "I just want the students to know this service is for them, I'm here for them, as the technology at the school

grows things will get much better. With experience comes knowledge, with knowledge comes perfection."

## The Associated Student Body of 1997

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Michele Nguyen  
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Cristina Solis  
Monique Heredia  
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Regina Bills  
Shelli Branscomb  
Kimberly Fine  
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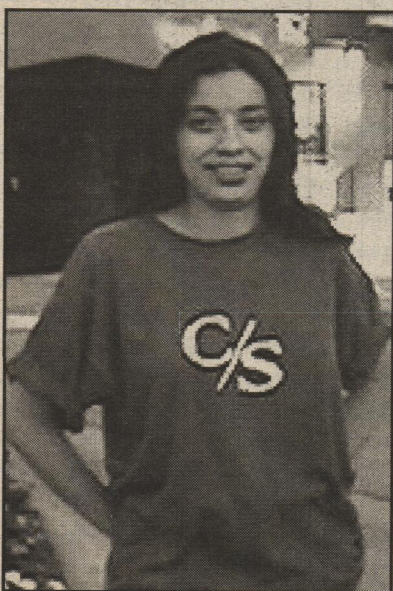
To Dorm or Not to Dorm?

## Doheny Takes on the Challenge of Chalon's Overcrowding

Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

The feeling of dorming at school for most students is of enthusiasm, and the idea of becoming independent is challenging. But, the rooms are limited, and students have to apply early in order to get the room of their choice and at the same time, receive a good financial aid package. What happens when you do everything on time and you end with nothing?

This year the student capac-



Daisy Martinez, a third year student, lives at the Wellness Theme House on the Doheny campus which was recently reopened due to student housing overcrowding. (Photo by Moria Demby)

ity at Doheny was 153. On August 25, 144 those spaces were occupied which meant that there are still about nine spaces available. What does this all mean? Chalon, unlike Doheny was also having problems with overcrowding, so students from Chalon were being sent to Doheny to dorm there to help Chalon with overcrowding. But, was something being done to provide more spaces to incoming first year students at Chalon?

One idea that was brought up by the Director of Residence Life at Doheny, Alex Sosa, was of inviting all Doheny Education majors to move back to Doheny since most of their classes were given on that campus. Veronica Villanueva, a third year student at Chalon, was one of those students. "I received a letter inviting me to dorm at Doheny, but when I received the letter it was already too late for me to make a decision," stated Veronica Villanueva. "However," she continued, "I wouldn't have accepted the offer even if I would've received the letter on time because I felt that I was the last option for them to

obtain extra space at Chalon for incoming first year students. Veronica Villanueva concluded by saying that staying at Doheny would have been a disadvantage for her because she would not have gotten the room of her choice. Out of all the students invited, the majority decided to stay at Chalon.

Overcrowds in the dorms at the Mount is not something new, but according to Lucy Ramirez, a fourth year student, it seems that every year it is getting better. A solution that was suggested and implemented this year to try to handle this situation was opening the Wellness Theme House at Doheny. The Wellness Theme House is located in Building #1. Its purpose according to the Student Handbook is to "offer unique living opportunities and the program also provides a living/learning experience for students who share an interest in wellness." All of the rooms in the Wellness Theme House are triples or quads, and the majority of the students living there are second and third year students. But, is everybody happy with this solution? According to Daisy Martinez, a third year student and a resident of the house, "It is unfair because all of the

students living in the Wellness Theme House are paying the same amount of money for the room, but not everybody has the same things." What Daisy Martinez is referring to is the furniture in the rooms of the Wellness Theme House. The students only alternative was to share. Overall, the Wellness Theme House has been a good start because it has provided more rooms to students, and the living environment has worked out well.

Although the majority of rooms offered at Doheny this year were doubles, triples and quads, there were about seven singles that were offered. But, when it came to room preference, the majority of students got the room they asked for because most first year students usually apply to live in McIntyre, and this year 95% of them are living there. The other five percent are living in the houses. Norma Marquez, a second year student at Doheny, feels very happy about living there because, "There are not a lot students dorming here, and I know a few Chalon students that are dorming down her due to the overcrowding at Chalon." When asked if she recommended living at



Norma Marquez enjoys living on the Doheny campus and has not encountered any inconveniences due to the recent overcrowding. (Photo by Moria Demby)

Doheny she replied, "I would honestly recommend living at Doheny because it has air conditioning, heating, and carpeting."

Whatever the reason for overcrowding at the Mount may be, it seems that solutions such as the Wellness Theme House have been brought up. The question regarding building new dorms is still unknown.

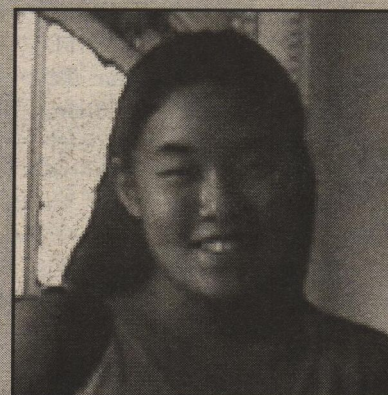
## Class of 2001: First Year Students Reactions to College Life



"It's hard to concentrate when it's 80 billion degrees"—Leora West



"It's great to be able to live on your own, and the dorms aren't too bad."—Julianne Lapham



"For sure the most important thing is to learn how to balance your time."—Viviana Kim

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Staff meetings are Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Office, room H100, or call (310) 954-4122.



## Horizon's Day: Taking Action Together

Everyone complains. I certainly complain. I even yell at the television. But what does it get me? Usually nothing, even when I am most passionate.

I never thought too hard about it until I began reading information on this year's Horizon's Day. If you have read anything about Horizon's Day, you know the theme: Leadership for Social Change. When I yell at the television I want social change to result, but the only person who hears it is myself and any poor fool

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who happens to be watching television with me. I have strong opinions, most people do. Most people also want change, but nothing ever seems to happen. Why?

Last year a number of issues came to the Mount, and many people responded. One such issue was Prop 209. A recent court decision has refused to stop 209 from taking effect, but the case against it will still be heard. Mount students involved themselves with organizations and protests. The proposition passed, but students voices were heard. But have our voices been loud enough?

I know that my voice has not been loud enough. I know that sometimes I forget to talk to people and instead talk to the television. I know I am not the only one. We all want change in our country, in our cities and towns, in our work places, in our schools, and in our lives. Change matters very much to us. We elect presidents *because* they promise change. But we forget our responsibility to change—our voices are loud, but they are even louder when they speak together.

Horizon's Day is going to be about how we, as individuals, can implement change in our lives. We owe it to ourselves to stop yelling at the television and to stop complaining. We need to learn how to implement change and then act on our knowledge. I sincerely hope everyone takes the opportunity to do just that on Horizon's Day.

## Advisor Urges Students to Find Their Voices

To the Mount Community:

Welcome to the first issue of The Oracle for the 97-98 academic year. As the advisor/instructor, this first issue, which is the first journalistic effort for much of our staff, has been an amazing experience, one in which I have seen first year students, new writers, and experienced newspeople grow and improve in just three weeks of time. The Oracle is a very unique venture at The Mount because we don't have a journalism department. Our workshop must provide the tools with which students can interview, investigate, report, write, edit and layout all of the news that's important to our campus and our community. Then it's solely up to the students to publish and produce the paper. It truly is a daunting task but that's what makes student media, and The Oracle, specifically, such a valuable commodity.

One of the things that I ask you, dear reader, to consider as you peruse this first issue and hopefully read the following bi-weekly editions, is how media affects you and how you can use it to create social change. Newspapers are always effective

resources for you, they provide information about a wide range of topics, some of which are specifically relevant to you. However, newspapers can be an effective tool, if you are an informed and active participant in the newspaper process. That doesn't mean, necessarily,

respond and react responsibly and effectively to the things that are important to you.

Your time at The Mount is the perfect time to find your voice . . . and use it. College is not just about getting the knowledge you need to be successful in your future or current careers.

It's the place where you form most of the opinions, beliefs and values that you will have for the rest of your life. It is the place where you become a citizen, an important member of a diverse and vibrant community.

Here, perhaps more than anywhere else, your voice matters. You can immediately begin the process of changing things at the Mount, if only you will speak up and speak out. So, I encourage you to pick up your pen, sit down at your computer, send a carrier pigeon, do something and tell us how you feel about whatever is going on in your world. It only takes one person with initiative to change the world. The power is in your voice. But we will never know if we can't hear you. Let it out. Why whisper when you can shout?

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becoming a reporter and writing the news the way you see it (although that's a great option that I would strongly encourage you to consider); it does mean not accepting the news as truth simply because our staff says that it is. If you disagree, write to us about it, complain about our journalism, tell us the real story. If you have an opinion about some of the topics that we print, send us a letter and let everyone hear what you have to say. Your opinion matters, not only to us, but to the community at large and you not only have the opportunity to present it through The Oracle, you have a duty to

## She Said

Expressions  
from the  
Women's Studies  
Department

During the summer months, women made headlines throughout the world. Madeleine Albright became the first woman Secretary of State, and Democratic newcomer Loretta Sanchez won her House seat over long-time Republican incumbent Robert Dornan. With the passing of Mother Teresa and Princess Diana we discovered new heroes whose humanitarian outreach touched the lives of those whose voices are usually ignored. This year saw the birth of professional women's basketball, the Women's National Basketball Association, and Los Angeles is fortunate enough to have its very own team, the L.A. Sparks. The Catholic Church was also in the news as we learned of a movement that endeavors to elevate the status of Mary, transforming her role from one of marginality to that of co-Redeemer alongside of God. As a reporter of the movement said in a recent Newsweek article, "Jesus was lucky that Mary was his mom."

What does any of this have to do with Women's Studies at the Mount? The answer is EVERYTHING! The lives of women -- past and present, their position in cultural and political milieus, and their significant

contributions as mothers and homemakers -- all of these incorporate what is known as Women's Studies. Here at Mount St. Mary's College, the commitment to expanding our

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Coordinator  
Women's Studies Program

knowledge about our sisters and our foremothers, underscores the commitment the Women's Studies program has made to provide the courses in which to do this.

You may or may not know that you can minor in Women's Studies at the Mount. While all minors are required to take the introductory course, WST 100, offered every fall semester, they are encouraged to choose from a broad cross-section of WS designated courses in other departments. A quick glance at the classes being offered this term points to the variety of ways women lives are studied: from the "Psychology of Women," and "Women's Self-Defense," to "Ethnic Literature in America," and "Women and Values." And a

new course, WST 180, "Women and Work in the 20th Century," will be offered in the Spring. All of these courses satisfy the minor requirements, and of the 18 units needed for the minor, 12 of these must be from upper division courses.

This year, as in previous years, the Women's Studies program will host several events throughout the year. One of these will be a trip to the University of Southern California to hear a talk by Adrienne Rich, followed by a private reception to which our WS minors have been invited. We are also working on plans for National Lesbian/Gay Coming-Out week in October, and Women's History month in March. In addition, future "She Said" articles, which will appear on a regular basis in The Oracle, will include essays, poetry, and editorials by WS students.

If you would like to learn more about the WS minor, have suggestions for WS-related events, or want to contribute to our "She Said" column, please let me know by calling 954-4367, or by stopping by the WS office (located in the Art building, room 215) on Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30, and Fridays, 10-noon. I can also be reached by email: lark@scf.usc.edu. Have a great Semester!

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## Experience the Culture of Los Angeles

By Josie G. Garcia  
Staff Writer

With the return of lengthy reading assignments, study session, and exams, many students find out that time is a very precious thing to have in college. Still, it is necessary to get away from such stresses and find time for enjoyable and relaxing activities.

Whether you are looking to have some fun or something to stimulate your mind, the Los Angeles area has a wide range of activities to offer those who are new to the Southland, as well as to those who have lived here for the majority of their lives.

If art is your interest, The Museum of Contemporary Art is offering a variety of exhibitions. "Home: Selections from the Permanent Collection" features works on paper and photography by such artists as Jasper Johns, Jim Hodges, and Erika Rothenberg. This exhibition runs through October 19 and is located at MOCA at California Plaza, 250 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, 90012.

MOCA also presents "A Lasting Legacy: Selections from the Lannan Foundation Gift" which showcases 110 works by 52 artists. The Lannan Collection showcases a variety of international art movements that span over four decades. This exhibition runs through December 14 and is located at The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA, 152 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles, 90013.

Be among the first to experience the newly constructed J. Paul Getty Museum, located in the Chalon campus' surrounding neighborhood. Parking reservations for groups of 15 or more are now available, while general reservations will be taken starting Sunday, September 25. Admission to the Getty Center will be free but parking is \$5 per car, and parking reservations are required. The Getty Center opens to the public on December 16. For parking reservations and information call (310) 440-7300.

If you're up to a little bit of traveling, California State University Long Beach will offer art works by such artists as Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, and others in "The Great American Pop Art Store: Multiples of the Sixties." The University Art Museum is set up to resemble a store with such objects as shopping bags, dishes, and food on display. This exhibition, which ends on October 26, is located at University Art Museum, California State University Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Boulevard, Long Beach. Admission is free.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, the Los Angeles County Fair kicks off another year at the Fairplex in Pomona. North America's largest county fair will feature entertainment performances every night with acts ranging from The Temptations to The Mariachi Sol de Mexico. Aside from all the music, food, rides, and games, fairgoers can also take part in various contests and exhibits. The Los Angeles County Fair runs through September 28 and admission is \$9 per adult. For more information call (909) 623-2311.

Finally, if you are not looking forward to driving or do not have access to transportation, Mount St. Mary's Art Gallery will hold an exhibition entitled, "Around Us-Recent Landscapes" which features works by Cynthia Carr Canavier, Barbara Kolo, Pam Posey, as well as others. This exhibit runs through October 10 and is located in the Jose Drudis Biada Art Gallery.

The art department will also host its "Kiss and Tell Coffeehouse: An Evening of Spoken Word and Poetry" on Thursday, September 25, from 7-9 p.m. in the Art Gallery. The coffeehouse will feature poetry readings by Carlye Archibeque, Doug Knott, Michael Polito, and Scott Wannberg. Admission and refreshments are free.

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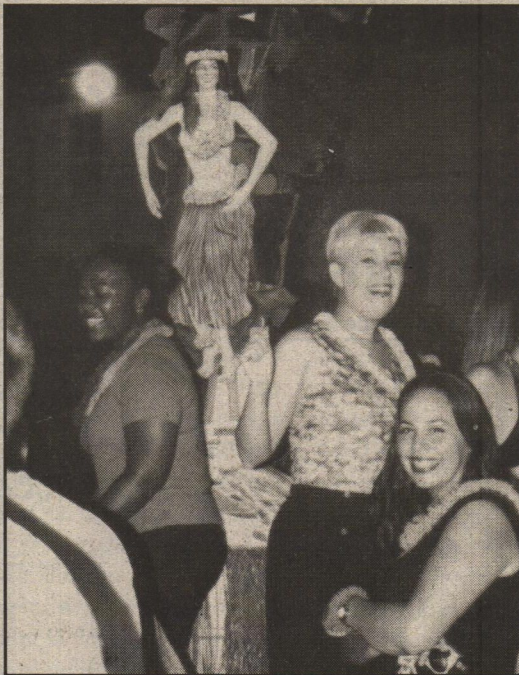
where it would be put. There has been talk of a parking lot down the hill with shuttle transportation and "security," but many students oppose that idea, expressing concerns of who must park there. Too many students feel this kind of situation would be an inconvenience and are worried that doing so would cause them to be tardy for classes.

Bates disagrees. She thinks it's a good idea because "there's no room around here for lots and you can't park on the streets." She is willing to park down the hill and take a shuttle.

Public Relations director Jill Perry commented that there are "no incentives yet [for carpooling and the administration]

does not know what would work [because the results of the surveys have not yet come in]. An outside company is doing the surveys." She estimates 521 parking spaces on campus, which are shared among the staff, faculty, and students. The possible long term solutions are "carpooling, shuttling, and rescheduling of classes. A parking lot is also being considered, but [we must] see the surveys before we decide."

While carpooling and a new on campus parking lot seem to be the only alternatives, students have come up with some interesting suggestions. First year resident Breanna Ostensen has had no parking problems in the lot behind the pool. She thinks



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were made rather liberally in the past.

The reason for the tightening of the policy this year? Kennelly offered several responses. First, following a \$20,000 renovation that was made in 1992, new carpet was put in Hannon Parlor over the summer. Kennelly would like to see the room preserved as long as possible. Second, she wants to remind students of the many purposes the room holds for administration. "Just some of the long list of users include standing committees, academic department meetings, meetings for the Board of Trustees, Committees of the Board, search committees...and meetings with organizations that ultimately will provide scholarship money for the college," noted Kennelly. She feels it is important these rooms are available at administration and committees' request.

In response to the situation concerning the Kappas use of the room, Kennelly discussed various problems in "miscommuni-

cation or lack of communication" that lead to the Kappas frustration. A memo went out on August 25 to Student Affairs and Student Activities reminding them of the policy. Kennelly believes it was Student Affairs who should have informed the Kappas, and all clubs, of the policy. She comments however that it is "understandable if the information was forgotten amidst the hectic schedule of a new year." Kennelly admits somehow she had not been informed of the scheduling the Kappas had done the previous year, and said that if she had been, there would have not been a conflict. All booking of Hannon Parlor and the President's Conference Room is done exclusively through the President's Office.

Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President of Student Affairs, agreed there was clearly a "gap in communication" between the offices of Student Affairs, Student Activities and the President's Office. "In the past we [Student Affairs] knew the

room was sometimes restricted from student use because the nature of the room," Lingua commented, "perhaps it was not clear what procedures were to be followed concerning the use of the rooms." Lingua discussed possibly generating a list of places and procedures clubs could use to help assist them in reserving rooms for their club's meetings.

Student leaders are still confused and frustrated over the policy. Cynthia Guerrero, President of Phi Alpha Delta, commented, "I believe students should have access to all facilities on campus—the facilities which their tuition pays for—as long as they are willing to accept responsibility for that privilege and have respect for the facilities."

For the time being, Kennelly said the President's Office would be "happy to consider exceptions, especially for night time use," and she welcomes those with concerns to address them to her.

more restrictions should be enforced and suggests sectioning off two or more levels of the parking structure specifically for commuters. Williams suggests adding another level to the existing parking structure.

Baldonado suggests, "building a parking structure close to Carondelet/Brady dorms or next to the physical plant. I don't think a parking structure should be built, though, at the parking lot next to the Sisters' condos because it would ruin the beauty of the whole campus. That's an option, though, since there may

not be other space available on campus."

Stricter rules have been implemented this year. Parking permits, which are valid on both campuses are also required. Visitors' permits, which can be obtained at the switchboard, are also required. Parking in crosswalks, in roadways, in restricted lots or without a permit will lead to a ticket. The fine will be \$20 for the first offense and the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense on the second violations. No exceptions will be made.

Vehicles parked in the fire zone, which can be identified by its red curbs, will also be towed. Another rule whose violation can also lead to a ticket is the right turn only when leaving the campus on Chalon Road. The ticketing of illegally parked vehicles started on September 2, 1997. Some vehicles were lucky to escape the fines when security ran out of tickets on the first day of ticketing.

A complete list of the parking rules can be found at the Business office or on bulletin boards around campus.

## Dancing the Night Away

Chalon's first dance of the year was held on Thursday, September 4. New and returning students alike danced all night with their new friends and their tried and true friends. It was a great opportunity for students to forget the demands of their new classes.

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# Chalon Student News

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## Work Study Students

Student Affairs still needs Work Study Students! Stop by H200 for more information, ask for Jason.

## Attention all Seniors!

Come sign up for your senior portraits in the Student Affairs Office, the dates will be October 7 and 8. Remember your first five poses are free! All underclassmen, your sitting fee is also free, all you have to do is show up on the 9th of October in the Campus Center.

## Place Your Event Here

Do you have an event that you want here contact Jason @ 954-4131 or jtoney@msmc.la.edu

## Change in criteria for grad-

## Academic Arena



## uating with honors

In December, 1996, the faculty Assembly approved the following change in the criteria for graduating with honors. This change was required by the College's change of policy with regard to transfer units adopted as of November, 1995. This criteria becomes effective as of the 1997-1998 Academic Year.

*The College's criteria for eligibility to graduate with honors will be determined by a student's overall GPA based on all transferable units completed prior to admission at Mount St. Mary's College and on all MSMC units earned by the end of Fall semester of the Student's anticipated graduation year. To be eligible for consideration, a student must have completed 45 letter grade units at Mount St. Mary's College. Courses completed at another institution (s), after matriculation at MSMC, (summer school/concurrent enrollment) are not counted into the cumulative grade point average, with the exception of approved study abroad and exchange programs.*

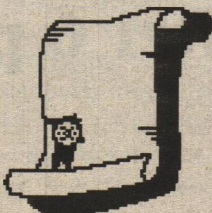
For more information contact Agnes Zelus @ 954-4017.

## Horizon's Day Schedule

Lunch and the Interactive Exposition will begin at 11:30am on Wednesday, September 24th in both the Art Gallery and Campus Center. The 20 minute sessions will start promptly at: 11:30am, 12 Noon, and 12:30pm.

## Attention Honor Students!

Seniors or Juniors (especially those in education) who are interested in the possibility of completing an Honors Certificate by writing a Senior Honors Thesis must contact Dr. Michele Dumont as soon as possible. Come to H327 or call (310) 954-4181. Even if you have not taken many



honors courses come by and talk about the possibility of doing a thesis.

New Students who have a 3.4 cumulative GPA are eligible to take Honors Courses. See your advisor or Dr. Michele Dumont if you would like to take Honors Courses.

With the approval of the Honors Committee and the support of the faculty, any Honors Student may take regular courses for Honors credit. Just fill out an Honors Contract with your instructor and get it approved by the last day to add classes. Honors Contracts are in the registrar's office and on the bulletin board outside H327.

## Activity Center

### I.S.A.E.!

ISAE members are invited to attend a performance of the famous Italian opera, *La Boheme*, on Wednesday, September 24, 1997 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Buses will depart Chalon at 5:30pm from the Circle and will depart Doheny at 6:00pm from the shuttle stop. SIGN UP: In the ISAE Office ASAP! First Come - First Served!!

If you ARE NOT a member of ISAE (Institute for Student Academic Enrichment), but would like to be, come by the ISAE Office for an application! ISAE Offices are located in the Learning Center in the Humanities Building on the Chalon Campus and in Building 7 on the Doheny Campus.



## Important Notices!

### Carry Your ID

Students should carry their MSMC I.D. cards with them on both campuses at all times: In the library, lunch room, Deli, etc. Students may occasionally be required to show their I.D. cards anywhere on campus. This requirement is for the protection and benefit of everyone at Mount St. Mary's College.

### E-mail Accounts

Students may request free E-mail accounts to be used in the Computer Labs or IMC from H401 on the Chalon Campus or room 1 in Building 4 on the Doheny Campus. You also have the option of buying the ability to use this account for a home computer. It is encouraged for all students to take advantage of this free opportunity.

### Feed the Homeless

Help Campus Ministry prepare meal bags for the homeless each Sunday at 4:00pm. You may also donate items for the meal bags, in Campus Ministry. These meals will be delivered to the homeless each Sunday at 7:30pm in Santa Monica. For more information call (310) 954-4125.

# Doheny Happenings

## From the Advisement Center

Please request that an official copy of your high school transcript be sent to Mount St. Mary's if you have not already done so. You are not officially registered until your final transcript with the date of graduation is received. Please have it mailed to: Sr. Therese Donahue, Advisement Center, MSMC Doheny Campus, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007. You will be notified on the 48-Hour Board if your final transcript has not arrived. Transfer students: Be sure to send your transcripts in also. Thank You.

## From the Office of Admissions

**Calling all Faculty, Staff, and Students:** The Office of Admissions is looking for enthusiastic freshmen and sophomores to become VIPs (Volunteers in Partnership). VIPs is a select group of students who represent Mount St. Mary's College as part of the Office of Admissions. VIPs interact with potential students in many ways: conduct campus tours, host overnight guests, participate in student panels, call or write potential students. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please have them stop by the Office of Admissions, upstairs in Building #10. Applications are required. Please contact **Maria Leyva** or **Kelly Farland** at Ext. 2561 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

## From Campus Ministry

### Sacrament Preparation Classes

Those of you wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism and/or First Communion and/or Confirmation, please pick up an application from the Campus Ministry board, Bldg. 4. It is important that you fill out the application before September 20 so that class times will be convenient for you. Classes will begin the week of September 25.

### Aids Walkathon

Anyone interested in joining this worthwhile activity, please sign up with the Fitness Center. More information later.

## From Counseling Services

The Counseling Center on the Doheny Campus of Mount St. Mary's College extends a warm welcome to all new and returning students, as well as faculty and staff. We are committed to

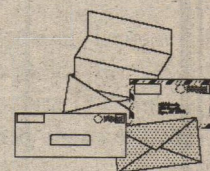
helping students benefit as much as possible from their experiences in college. We offer individual, couples, and group counseling, as well as educational programs, in areas such as: Self-esteem, Academic concerns, Stress management, Anxiety, Relationship issues, Family issues, Assertiveness, and Depression.

**If you experience any of these concerns you are not alone. Counseling can help enhance your ability to adapt to college life, relate to new and different people, and make your MSMC experience satisfying and productive.**

We are located on the first floor of building 7. To make an appointment, or for additional information, please call Dr. Robynne Rudin at (213) 477-2668.

## Ask Dr. Robynne

Dear Dr. Robynne:  
Being back at college is very exciting but, even though school just started, I am already beginning to feel "stressed out." Can you give me some helpful hints about managing stress? Thanks.



—Stressed in LA

### Dear Stressed:

What a positive thing it is for you to know yourself well enough to recognize when you are experiencing stress! In fact, although college is a very exciting time, it can also be quite stressful. Here are some stress-reducing techniques I've found to be helpful:

1. **Take a mental mini-vacation:** Use visual imagery of a relaxing, beautiful scene. Just close your eyes and imagine what it looks like, sounds like, and feels like.
2. **Take a deep breath:** This brings much-needed oxygen into the body, relaxes the muscles, slows down the heart rate, and helps calm the mind.
3. **Relax your muscles:** Focusing on tension release (by tightening and then relaxing muscles from the toes up to the head) helps your body feel more relaxed.
4. **Walk it off:** This has stress-reducing benefits. Even a brisk 5 to 15 minute walk can be effective.
5. **Talk it out:** Getting it off your chest is very helpful because it puts things in perspective. Be sure to choose someone who is a good listener. And, you can always make an appointment to speak to a counselor (who is trained to be a good listener and be supportive).

"Ask Dr. Robynne is a new column that will be featured regularly in the **Doheny Happenings**. Dr. Robynne Rudin is a licensed psychologist who provides counseling at the Counseling Center on the Doheny Campus. You can send your letters to Dr. Robynne Rudin's Counseling Services Mail Box (located in Building #10, Administration).

## For Your Information I.D. Cards

Last call for I.D. cards for the year. If you do not yet have a card, please check signs on the 48-Hour Board for times when you can have your picture taken. The Food Service is especially anxious to have this done so that residents can use their cards for meals. Do not delay any longer. If you have any further concerns, please check with Sr. James Marien in building #10.



# The Oracle

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## Technological Advances Improve the Mount

By Michelle Perry  
Staff Writer

Within the past year, the Mount has leapt ahead in terms of technology. "Technology allows us to communicate with all areas of the world in a matter of seconds," said Melissa Corpuz, a first year student who is glad that the Mount has caught up.

New computers, new programs, and wiring the school for Internet access has not only brought the Mount up to the technological standards of today, but has also brought with it new glitches and problems that so often accompany technology.

Larry Smith, Assistant Vice President for Information Support Services, says that since last semester, various improvements had been made; currently at the Doheny campus, the Mac lab is being connected for the Internet, and more PCs have been added at both campuses. Chalon has 12 new PCs in the media center, and other new Macs in the lab.

"The labs are convenient and useful because people use the computers to type their assignments, use the Internet, and to e-mail their friends and family," commented Larry Smith.

"The Internet gives students easy access to information for projects," said first year student Michelle De Belen, who is a lab assistant in the Humanities building on Chalon Campus. The technology department would like to add as many PCs as possible for student use at Chalon and Doheny. The past year has entailed major upgrade and new technological pieces.

Daniel Weiss, the Academic Computing Manager on the Chalon Campus, spoke of other changes made on the Chalon Campus

in the computer labs. Previously there were two computer labs in the Humanities building, but over the summer they were consolidated into one room to make it easier for Weiss and lab assistants to focus their attention on one area. Also, fewer lab assistants are needed to help students.

"A major improvement that we've done over the summer is we've upgraded every computer now to one standard, which is a Del Optiplex, 166 megahertz. A really beautiful machine...Beats my old hokey-pokey thing," Weiss commented.

Having all of the computers on one standard makes the labs more efficient; the computers are easier to fix and run faster so that more students can use them. The viruses and problems of last semester have been ironed out. No viruses have popped up as of yet this semester. Another change that will be made soon is that the Mac terminals in the Humanities Computer Lab will be traded out, and more Del PCs brought in. Some Macs will be left for math students, who generally use them to write programs.

The 10 Dels that are now in the computer lab will soon be accompanied by six more, hopefully cutting down on the crowds that have become a problem in the lab.

Another thing that is hoped will alleviate the crowd is reminding students that there are 12 Dels available in the Instructional Media Center, each with their own individual printers. However, it costs 10 cents per page to print there. The I.M.C., on the second floor of the library, has the exact computers found in the computer lab, but many students are unaware of its existence.

Many students like the quiet and more serious atmosphere of the I.M.C. for typing

## Horizons' Day



Students from both Chalon and Doheny campuses participated in Horizon's Day on September 24, 1997. For the first hours, students chose sessions to attend where they talked about leadership for social change in groups such as the roundtable discussion shown above. The day was concluded with a convocation in the Carondelet Chapel with Dr. Helen Astin. (Photo by Moria Demby).

assignments. Two hour time limits are lab when students are waiting. There are more computers in the Teagle Lab found in the Jose Drudis-Biada Art building on Chalon Campus. The classes held in this lab use the computers as a component of the class, such as research studies.

Some students voiced the concern that the computers did not seem to be used much by the classes that were scheduled to use those rooms and perhaps the computers would be put to better use if they were open to student use.

However, as the teachers have begun to integrate the computers into their curriculums, students have been

using them more in those classes. One class, after watching the film *The Piano*, went out on the Internet & looked at philosophical discussions about the movie. "It was a great way to actually take the content of the class and start doing something else with it," said Weiss.

Not only does the new technology challenge the students, but the faculty as well. Teachers are also learning how to navigate the complex web alongside students. The additional computers, wiring, and the web has helped prepare the Mount for the wide world of technology.

## Phones, Round II: Students fight for their rights

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

Costly local and long distance rates, malfunctioning equipment, bi-annual fees and no service options are just some of the many problems that Mount residents are facing with the newly installed telephone services. Mount residents were not going to take this sitting down. In a letter written on behalf of the Resident Student Body by fourth year students Dianne Stewart and Sonali Perera addressed each problem the way they felt most students saw it. A petition was also circulated.

Many residents believe that these problems could have been avoided if better communication skills were utilized between administration and the student body. Liza Villamayor, a second year student, feels that the students' freedom of choice was taken away. She feels that if the school had asked students from the very beginning "they would have known exactly what our needs were." Stewart also concurs, "we don't have any choices." Students feel that there was no information given that concerned the changes made. Any information given had to be inquired about first.

In light of all the unanswered questions

and lack of action, Mount residents felt it was time to fight back. At noon on September 19, 1997, residents gathered in the Lecture Hall to voice their opinions on the current condition of the phones. They were led into battle by Stewart and Perera. They were backed up by Larry Smith, Assistant Vice President for

### Grievances:

#### Against the college:

- \$80 bi-annual fee
- \$55 TI system interface card
- \$100 call limit
- no student approval

#### Against STS:

- expensive rates
- poor customer service
- malfunctioning equipment
- inconvenient access code
- no long distance carrier options
- no call waiting

Information Support Services, Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Jenny Hernandez, President of Resident Hall Association.

Opinions, complaints and some resolution took center stage at this open forum. The STS representative tried to answer all ques-

tions and give explanations to all problems addressed. "He contradicted himself, gave circular arguments, and still no guarantee of action," observed Stewart. It appeared to many, that the STS representative left many unanswered questions and no real solutions.

On the other hand the school administration showed genuine interest and concern for Mount residents. They promised to waive the \$80.00 tech fee for the year and will re-examine the \$100.00 call limit. Smith also insured students that more research would have to be accomplished, but that each problem would be recognized individually and taken care of as such.

Prior to the meeting, students signed a petition with over 200 signatures. At the meeting, they came together as one voice. "It was gratifying to see such a show of leadership," observed Lingua. Perera concluded, "I'm glad we're doing this; it gives students a voice. The Mount taught us to make a difference, well we are!" Stewart also agreed that this showmanship said a lot about our education, "we know what our rights are and how to speak up for what we believe in."

Lingua urged students to write down their discrepancies and take them to the Resident Life Office on first floor Brady.



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# ASB in the Upcoming Year

By Summer Cervantez  
Staff Writer

Changes in Student Activity Directors, last minute changes in the Executive Board, and filling positions left open after last semester's elections made for a difficult beginning for the Associated Student Body on Chalon's campus. However, ASB is looking toward the year ahead to be one of changes and improvements—hoping the biggest change will be a reuniting of ASB with the students it represents.

Eté Anderson, the new Student Activities Director and ASB Advisor, says she is committed to see "an increase in student activism." Anderson was hired after Emily Langdon resigned last June.

The biggest changes Anderson foresees for the upcoming year are "a decrease in the amount of SAC (Student Activities Council) chairs, shifting the focus of Senate to be more focused on policy issues, demanding accountability from ASB members—both to [Anderson], themselves, each other and the students, and seeing students going to their ASB representatives to voice their

opinions and concerns."

Anderson commented that while many student leaders come to her because they feel the Mount is characterized by apathy, she does not see apathy as a problem. "The Mount is not apathetic. I see student leaders get easily frustrated if they feel they see the same people doing the same things over and over. But I believe a majority of Mount students are involved in some activity, it is just they may be involved in a group that doesn't get as much recognition or a group that may not be as vocal as others."

In an effort to increase student awareness about what exactly goes on in ASB, this year minutes are being posted in the

foyer of the Humanities building. Donalyn Lorenzo, Vice President of the Senate, feels posting the minutes is "a good way to let the students know the decisions we make affect them." Lorenzo also commented, "I

"the space issue is a problem, but students are welcome."

Lorenzo feels even with all the changes that have occurred in ASB since the beginning of the semester, the transitions have been pretty smooth. However,

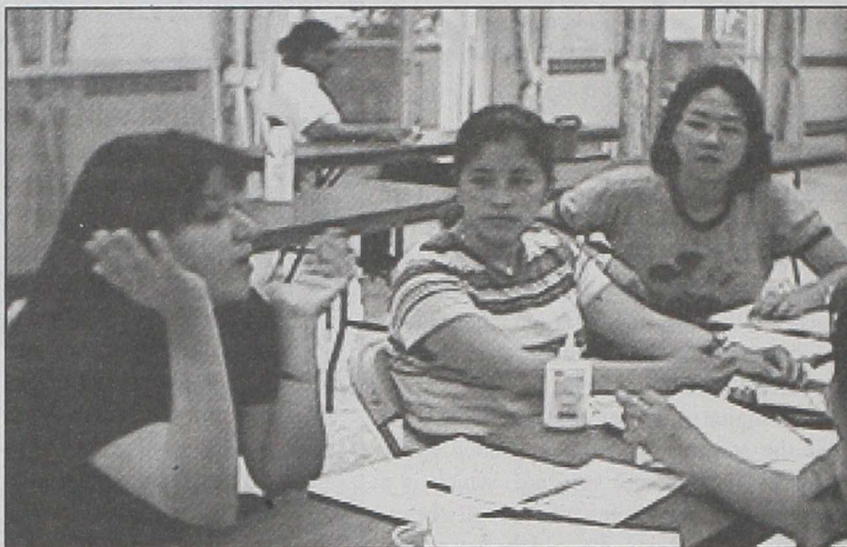
Lorenzo does feel the Mount suffers from apathy. "I know a lot of students feel they don't have the time to get involved. They are busy with the competition aspects of their majors. But, personally, I feel involvement allows you to network and teaches you time management and organization."

For her part, Lorenzo is busy filling various committees, composed of both faculty and students, with students. She is making an effort to fill the posi-

tions with non-ASB students first. Lorenzo noted "This is a good way to involve students and make them feel they can make change happen on campus."

Many new students were unsure of how to measure the effectiveness of Chalon's ASB. "I haven't heard much in the way of policy or how influential ASB is on this campus. But I suppose it is still early," said Michele Botuna, a first year student.

Anderson wanted to conclude, saying she is "looking forward to hearing the voices of students talking and communicating to their ASB representatives."



Anderson, Hassel Perez (Vice President of SAC) and Anna Intharathut discuss upcoming ASB events at a recent meeting. (Photo by Michele Perry)

know ASB has had the reputation before of being secretive or elitist, but everything we discuss concerns the students and they have a right to know." While most ASB meetings are open to the public, it is rare anyone outside ASB ever attends. "Obviously," said Anderson,

## Think about Study Abroad

Study abroad is the most exciting and adventurous thing you could ever do in your college years. Yeah, going to Westwood to catch a movie could be exciting . . . if Tom Cruise went with you. Jetting down to Brentwood to stand in line for a tasty Orange Zinger at Juice Club might be the highlight of your day. Checking your mail three times a day with hopes of getting that one piece of mail for the week could brighten your day, even if it is a bill! In all reality, this is daily life at MSMC—male population . . . zero.

California can be an adventurous place to live after you've experienced a couple of major earthquakes. You've already been to Universal City Walk, how many times?

My point is . . . life is too short to stay in California all your life. Why not expand your horizons with a trip to another part of the world? You have already seen all that L.A. and MSMC have to offer. Search around for some guts, send in the application, save up some money, and with a bilingual dictionary in hand, board that plane! It's that simple. O.K., not really.

When I try to encourage my friends to study abroad their first reason for not going is because they say that they would miss their family and friends.

Picture this . . . walking five minutes to the local club, danc-

ing until 5 a.m., practicing Spanish with natives and foreigners alike, splurging on some churros con chocolate, and around 7 a.m. returning home for some Zzz's. Does it sound like there is time to miss your parents???

Yes, you'll think of them once in while. You'll say to yourself, "I am sunbathing (maybe even topless if you're brave!) on the Southern coast of Spain, I wonder what my friends are doing?"

You might boast of your weekend trip to Montecarlo where you

**Catina Negrete**

AIFS Representative

gambled with the rich and famous and your boyfriend went to Vegas to cruise down the strip. You write postcards of your visit to Warrick Castle in England meanwhile your best friend went to Medieval Times for her birthday. Do you get my point yet?

There is so much that we can experience in this big world we live in today. This is your window of opportunity! As a college student you are old enough to take care of yourself yet young enough to enjoy yourself without worrying about the major problems of adulthood.

Are you wondering why I am so enthusiastic about study abroad? Well, I studied abroad Fall semester of 1995.

To say the least, it was the BEST experience of my life! I will forever look back at my college years and without a doubt acknowledge study abroad as the most important and best choice of my young adult life.

I studied for four months in Salamanca, Spain where I soaked up Spanish culture like a dry sponge. I ventured into never before charted routes to Paris via a 17 hour bus ride! I spent my mid-semester break in London, not at home.

After completing the program I rewarded myself with a week long trip to Italy. Once you taste the pasta and see the men you will forget what size jeans you wear and you'll say, "Did I say I have a boyfriend, I meant had. . . yeah, had." Trust me, you'll be saying those very words!

I have an album crammed with pictures, but more importantly, I have a head full of beautiful memories that no one could ever take away.

My only regret is that I didn't stay longer. Really, I could write a book on my experiences and the reasons why you should go, but only you know what's right for you.

But I promise you that once you board that plane, your journey begins and your life will change forever.

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# Walking For A Cure

Sima Alizadeh  
Staff Writer

AIDS Walk Los Angeles was Sunday, September 28, at 9:00 a.m. It was held at Paramount Studios, Hollywood, at 5555 Melrose Ave. The AIDS Walk Los Angeles is a ten kilometer fundraising walkathon benefiting AIDS Project Los Angeles. It is estimated that 25,000 activists participated this year.

APLA was founded in 1982 by a group of volunteers as a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to making life for people with HIV better and increasing compassion by increasing aware-

ness. They also focus on trying to reduce the incidence of HIV through risk-reduction education and training programs.

APLA receives 80% of its revenue through private donations and the rest from the federal government. It currently serves 5,700 people with HIV/AIDS. APLA operates more than a dozen programs responding to many AIDS related needs.

Three organizations on campus participated in the AIDS Walk, which was coordinated by the Fitness Center, Phi Theta Mu, Campus Ministry, and the African American Council of Women. Ester Razon, a freshman, commented on her experi-

ence with the walk last year, "At the end of the walk I felt like I had accomplished something...it makes me feel like I am helping the AIDS community." Melanie Morales, another Mount student stated "This will be my seventh year going. It is really fun. There isn't a nationality you don't see.... It's really nice to see all the different kinds of people."

To get further information about the AIDS Walk Los Angeles call (213) 466-WALK. To receive further information about APLA and the nearly 30 programs and services available for volunteers, call, (213) 993-1380 and contact Pamela Brannon. Volunteer orientations are held every week.



A first-year student picks up trash on Topanga Beach during Heal the Bay Coastal Cleanup, a community service program for first-year students at Chalon enrolled in SPR 85 — Intro. to College Studies. (Photo by Sima Alizadeh)

## AIDS Fact Box

As of June 1995, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimated that 14-15 million people are living with HIV and AIDS

- \* According to WHO, 75% of those infected with HIV were infected through heterosexual sex.
- \* WHO estimates that 6,000 people in the world are infected with HIV every day.
- \* There is one AIDS-related death every 15 minutes in the United States. As of April 1996, more than 320,000 people had died.
- \* AIDS is the leading cause of death among all Americans aged 25-44.
- \* Los Angeles ranks second nationwide in diagnosed AIDS cases, exceeded only by New York City.
- \* About 0.2% of American college students are estimated to be infected with HIV.
- \* A recent American College Health Association survey found that the majority of HIV positive college students were unaware that they were infected.
- \* HIV - related knowledge has been found to be high among college students, but this has not translated into a greater tendency to use condoms or alter high-risk sexual behaviors.

## She Said

## Expressions from the Women's Studies Department

Prior to getting in Women's Studies, I did not know that women had their own holocaust. I knew about the witch hunts, but I did not know that it is estimated that roughly 9 million women died. How many children watched their mother's burn?

Everyone agrees that it is important to learn about and hang on to your history. We as women have a collective history of being the silent masses. We have been under the boot heel of a patriarchal society despite the fact that we give so much to life. We were the first healers, the first doctors. We used to have free reign over a profession where we are now treated as outsiders.

We have soared high into the stratosphere, like Icarus, with our relatively new wings of freedom. Yet they are not as strong as we think, not yet. So like Icarus we may fly too close to the sun of apathy, thinking that we know all there is to know about women's contributions to life, and melt our wings—plunging back into the icy waters of oppression.

Who is Barbara Jordan?

Who is Bessie Coleman? Do you even know who the women were who stood up for your right to be well educated? These women were intimidated, robbed, raped, manipulated, mutilated and ripped apart because they believed in something better. They believed that one day we would be here. We, the educated women with options and opportunities to be the masters of our own lives.

Nilsia Cadena

Women's Studies Minor

They bled the ground red in deserts so that one day gardens of fortunate flowers would grow.

All for us. All for you, and you do not even know their names.

I wish we did not need Women's Studies. I wish that we could have been equally educated and our foremothers contributions were respected. More than this, I wish we could at least honor the struggles already made by knowing more about them. Who else should

pass on what we have learned? Who else but us, to make sure that the previous sins committed against women are not repeated. Nobody else is going to do it. We are going to be the role-models for the next generation. We have a responsibility to go out into the work force well armed with a complete secular knowledge of who we are as women, as well as individuals.

We may know some brave women's names from recent times like Anita Hill and Gloria Steinem. Yet, by not knowing our past women, we let the women who came before us down. Those who don't even have gravestones to mark their passing, literally went up in smoke, for nothing. If we study our women's *herstory* and learn how to analyze our place in society, then we can grow from our contributions. Imagine all that we could give to the next generation of women to come after us. We will leave a fertile land for them to plant their ideas in. We all might go higher than we ever dreamed. It will be beautiful.

It will be beautiful.

## Mount Poll: What do YOU do on your weekends?



"I go home, study and sleep."  
-Anita Solis  
First Year Student

"I go to bars, hang out in Westwood Village and go the Brentwood Cigar Club."

-Holly Charton  
Third Year Student

"I study, party and flake."  
-Nadya Assaf  
Third Year Student



"I go to work, do homework, do more homework and hang out with my boyfriend when he decides to visit."  
-Suzie Ward  
Second Year Student



"I go home, go to work and just kick it with the homies."  
-Daisy Antee  
Second Year Student



## Faith Sharing Provides Moments of Inspiration for Mount Students

Alissa Connor  
Staff Writer

Campus Ministry at the Mount is a big part of the activities that go on regularly. Many students however do not know about the vast amount of programs that are offered by Campus Ministry. One of these such programs is Faith Sharing.

Faith Sharing has been a part of the Campus Ministry for about four years, but it has only begun to take a strong hold these past two years.

Campus Ministry and Faith Sharing meetings are open to people of all faiths not just Catholics. The purpose of these

meetings is to bring people together in an informal way, to find out spirituality impacts the participant's daily life.

Many religions share the same readings, for one Sunday. During the meetings participants ask these questions about the scriptures: What did you hear? What does it mean? How am I going to change my life because of this?

Students have the chance to support each other, and get to know each other in a relaxed environment. These meetings allow students to talk about things that they normally would not bring up in an everyday setting. "Some people feel like its the time during the week where they can be real," commented Gail Gresser,

Director of Campus Ministry.

The first meeting of Faith Sharing was held on Wednesday, September 17. The turnout was less than had been expected, but that may be because many students had classes. Sheree Andaya, who is in charge of the faith sharing meetings, is going to change the time so those who want to go, may have the chance.

If you have any questions about Faith Sharing, you can visit the Campus Ministry office on first floor Humanities across from the Health office, or you can call Gresser and Andaya at extension 4125.

## Campus Ministry

Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

Campus Ministry was first started at Chalon during the 1970s. One of its main purposes throughout the years has been to help students grow spiritually during their years at the Mount.

Second year student Thyana Nguyen, the office manager of Campus Ministry at Chalon, believes students not only grow spiritually, but also intellectually. Students do not necessarily have to be Catholics in order to "enrich" themselves or participate in the Campus Ministry activities.

The Mount has a Campus Ministry office at both Chalon and Doheny campuses, though activities may vary from campus to campus. One of the activities that can be found only at Chalon is the Buddhist Study Group. This group meets weekly, and according to the Campus Ministry booklet, "It is to learn about how the teachings of Buddhism apply to every day life, and to practice Buddhist meditation techniques."



At a recent Faith Sharing meeting, Second year student Thyana Nguyen and Fourth year student Sheree Andaya held hands in prayer and later lighted a candle to pray for their special needs and wishes. Anyone is welcome to come to these meetings and they need not belong to any specific religious group to participate. (Photo by Moria)

## Feeding the Homeless: An answer to the cry for help

Sima Alizadeh  
Staff Writer

Alone and hungry, they huddle together to keep warm. No, this is not a group of poor unfortunate souls found in the movies or in the poorest countries. It is the homeless Americans that live closer to you than you think. As you sit down to your three hot meals every day, they dream about a little bit of food, a kind soul, a helping hand.

What can I do to help, you may ask. There are many solutions, some easier than you think. For instance, Campus Ministry offers a program called "Feed the Homeless."

The Feed the Homeless Program is a service opportunity anyone can participate in. Students meet on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the Casa, located level to first floor Carondelet, and pack sack lunches. After Mass, students meet at 7:00 p.m. behind the Chapel and carpool to the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica to distribute the sack meals to the homeless.

The program was founded five years ago, by a student named Mary Blanche. She wanted to further the experience of Sunday Mass by actually reaching out to the community.

Gail Gresser, director of Campus Ministry,

has seen this project really touch the students who participate. "Every student who has done it has been moved by it," Gresser states. Gresser also believes, "Simplicity is the best part of it, because students get a chance to come at 4:00, or they can come after Mass to distribute the food. The essential thing is we use the food to talk person to person (with the homeless)." So far the project has done very well, and according to Gresser, "the vast majority of people in Santa Monica have been warm and cordial."

Campus Ministry's Community Service Coordinator, Nadya Assaf states that she has enjoyed "overseeing the community service programs." She feels that they have been of great benefit.

Students may forward their questions to the Coordinator of Community Service, Nadya Assaf at extension # 4355. Irene Benavidez, another student involved in the homeless project can be reached at extension # 4458.

Campus Ministry is in great need of assistance. The Feed the Homeless Program relies on donations from generous people. They are in desperate need of food donations, which can be brought down to the campus ministry office, on the first floor of the Humanities building, next door to the deli.



A very dedicated group of young women is all it takes for the Feed the Homeless Program. The group stops to smile for the camera before going out to talk to the homeless. The program has proved to be very popular, but needs more supporters to donate and make sandwiches. (Photo by Sima Alizadeh)



# Ministry Activities Help the Community and Students Alike

Other activities done at Chalon include evening prayer, the Adopt-a-sister program, feeding the homeless, and St. Nicholas Day, a candlelight sing-a-long. This year, Campus Ministry at Chalon would like to begin focusing on "providing opportunities for participants in community service, to reflect on their experiences, and to learn more about the Church's social teaching," as it is stated in their booklet.

Director of Campus Ministry at Doheny Sr. Angela stated, "Campus Ministry helps represent the Catholic presence in our midst throughout prayers such as the one that was done for Mother Teresa. It also helps reflect the mission of Jesus through the outreach service."

One of the biggest celebrations done at Doheny is the Halloween Haunted Campus. This celebration was started by Sister Anne Davis and has been done throughout the last six to seven years. When asked if this was only done by Doheny students, Sr. Angela answered that they had a lot of Chalon presence on campus for Halloween last year, and that Chalon students had helped them invaluablely.

Other activities done on the Doheny Campus Ministry include serving food to the men at St. Vincent's shelter once a month, which, according to Sr. Angela is a "human thing to do." They also make sandwiches with the Missionary Brothers of Charity. These are then distributed to the homeless throughout the downtown, McArthur Park, and Los Angeles River areas.

Visiting Juvenile Hall is another activity most students like to do because the students bring hope and education to the inmates.

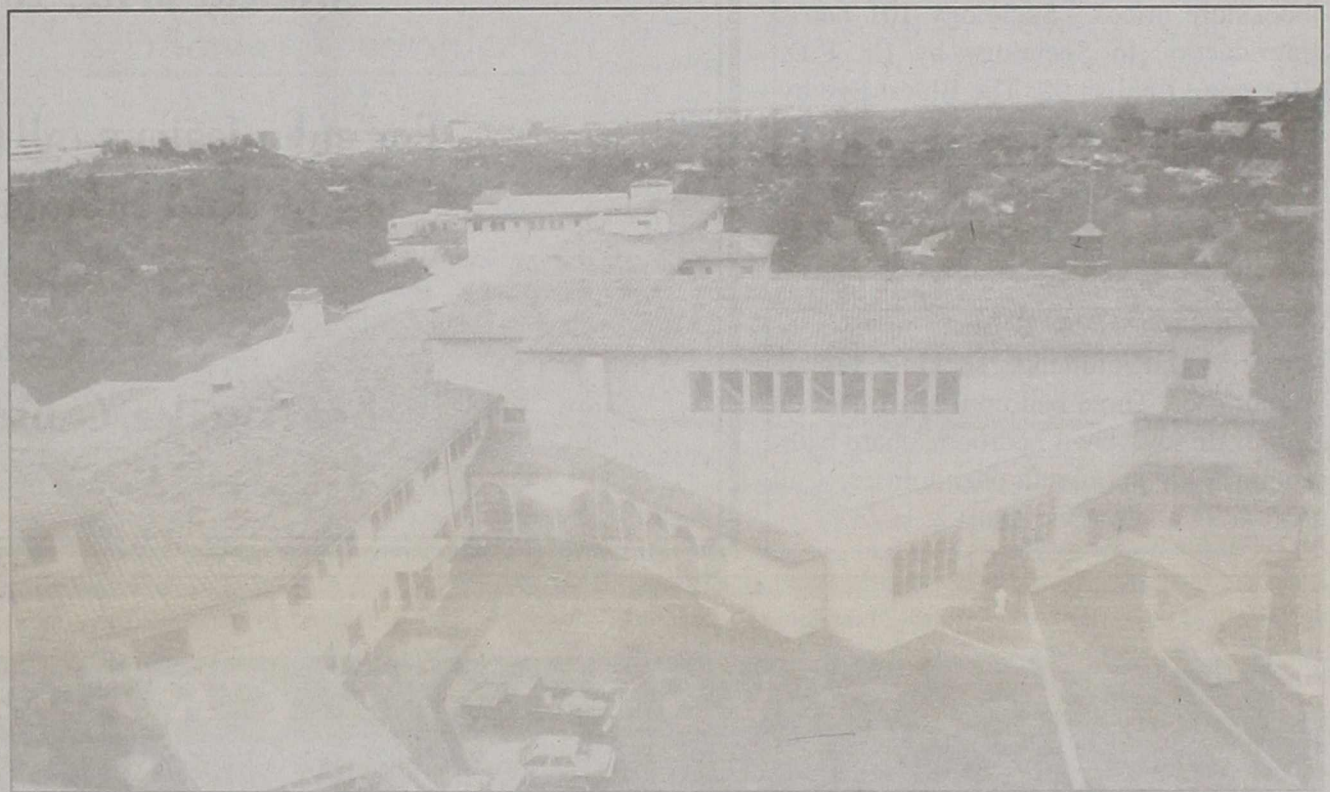
This year Campus Ministry will start volunteering at the Catholic Worker, a kitchen which feeds the homeless in the downtown area. If anyone is interested, their first visit will be November 1, 1997.

The Doheny Campus Ministry also has organized a recycling program. This has been a big success at Doheny thanks to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) which has been collecting the recyclables every week. During the summer the recycling team collected more than 800 pounds.

Campus Ministry at Chalon is located in the first floor of the Humanities Building across from health services. Their hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am through 4:30 pm. If you have any questions or would like to know more about their activities, you can contact them at (310) 954-4125. At Doheny, Campus Ministry is located in Building 7, third floor. Their office hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am through 5:00 pm. They can be reached at (213) 477-2672.

Although the college has two Campus Ministry offices, it does not mean they do not work together. Gail Gresser, director of Campus Ministry at Chalon stated that sometimes each campus tends to do things in their neighborhood, but that both campuses do try to complement.

Campus Ministry at Chalon would really like to work more closely with Doheny, but Gail Gresser states that sometimes it is difficult because of the distance between both campuses. "Overall," Gail Gresser stated, "Our relationship is excellent." Sr. Angela concluded the same way, saying, "Gail and I get along very well."



Looking south of the Mount, one can see the Carondelet Center standing tall and proud. Living inside this majestic building are some of the Sisters of St. Joseph, namely those that are elderly and ill. Jutting out over the road is the beautiful Carondelet Chapel, a place where many of the sisters pray. (Photo by Moria)

## Adopted Sisters Find New Friends in Program at Carondelet Center

Joan Fletcher  
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what happens at the Carondelet Center? What goes on there? Who lives there? What role will this mysterious building play in your college life?

Located on the bottom-most part of the Mount St. Mary's hill at Chalon, the Carondelet Center is owned and operated by the Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Its focus is on "community with special emphasis on provincial administration, local community living, and care of the sick and elderly," according to their brochure. It houses the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Holy Family Community.

The Sisters of St. Joseph founded the college of Mount St. Mary's in 1925. They continue to play an active role in college life. Some teach classes and others make themselves available for spiritual guidance. The more elderly or ill sisters live in the part of the Carondelet Center called the Holy Family Community. This is the part of the center visited the most by members of the Adopt-a-Sister program.

The Holy Family Community provides

24-hour care for those sisters who are no longer able to care for themselves due to "physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities." There are 51 sisters in the residence in the Holy Family Community, the oldest resident being 96 years old.

Many activities are provided for the sisters which helps them have an active spiritual and social life. There are also various exercise programs available to them. Mount students are encouraged to volunteer to help out with such programs.

Members of Holy Family Community have had a lifetime of serving the people through various ministries such as: teaching, health care, maintenance of women's shelters, counseling, advocacy and direct service to the poor, performance and visual arts, administration, and managing a thrift shop to support an AIDS center.

These women have spent their best years helping the people, now it is the people's turn to help them. All they want is a little time with a special young person, perhaps you, who could just sit and talk with them for a while.

The Adopt-a-sister program offers Mount students an opportunity to participate in the lives of one of the members of

the Holy Family Community. It is suggested that participants in this activity visit and chat, share some of their skills and talents, help with special events, coordinate a craft, cooking or baking activity, help with ongoing programs, accompany their sister to the doctor or dentist, or plan a picnic with their sister.

It doesn't take much to be in the Adopt-a-sister program. Participants set their hours and activities so that there is no pressure. Carondelet Center Activities Director Alma Torres said that "we're here for [the students]. They can set their own volunteer hours. It's flexible."

Being in this program does not only help the sister you adopt, but it is very rewarding for yourself. Torres also commented that "you get something from [the sisters]. You learn a lot [from the experience]."

It is very easy to get involved with this program. If you're interested, all you have to do is go down to Campus Ministry and tell them you want to join the Adopt-a-Sister program.

Third year student Nadya Assaf is in charge of the program and can answer any questions you may have. You can contact her at (310)954-4125.



the Homeless Program to work. Here, the homeless they distribute sack lunches. The food and other items necessary to



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# The Unwillingness of Many: The Concept of Denial in America

We are indeed a band-aid solution society. We are a nation of panickers who usually fail to reason through conflict and crisis, and instead try to find the best possible way to make everyone forget anything ever happened. In the place of common sense and consensus, we have placed an emphasis on hard-line economics and rule by an artificial majority. Desperately afraid to confront the real issues at hand for fear of discovering the truth, political leaders and everyday citizens alike, hide the facts by implementing temporary, substanceless policies. In California, now is a particularly good political and social climate to examine what happens in the face of frustration, panic, fear and a big band-aid just waiting to cover up the truth.

Last year, Proposition 209 was passed by a slim majority, essentially saying opportunity could finally be declared equal in America. As a nation, it had become apparent we no longer needed a system of controls to ensure fairness to women and minorities in the work force and in education! At long last everyone had achieved the sought after status of the white American male...huh? It's O.K., as I understand it, a lot of people missed the news that night. So, as I sit here, drenched in my disappointment and frustration, may I offer a few suggestions for what could have happened differently...hmm

hmm...I mean let me offer a few suggestions for what would have made sense.

One. Maybe someone should have asked the women and minorities in question—Hey, do you feel equal? Certainly persons so pleased with their life situations could have found a voice to thank their benefactors. Better yet, define equality. In the big push by the federal government to make it appear to other nations we are free of discrimination, few stopped to ask if it was necessarily a good idea to condition women and minorities to make themselves into duplicates of the majority. Equality should mean understanding at the level of being a women and/or a minority, not just achieving equality because you have learned the art of mimicking.

There is a fine line between equal treatment and homogenization that Proposition 209 clearly stepped over.

Two. Back to common sense. ATTENTION REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE AND SEMI-INFORMED VOTERS, LOOK AROUND! So, you couldn't find a woman or minority present at the time to question—Do you watch the news? Do you recall the everyday occurrence of hate crimes,

police brutality and racial or sexual discrimination? How many women are still fired or let go due to their marital status and desire to have children? Do you realize their are places in this country where people grow up, live and die and never see a person of color?

Lastly and most importantly, people should learn to tell the truth about their frustrations and to say what they mean. Many of the people who voted in favor of Proposition 209 did so out of concern with other areas of government—immigration, crime, lower educational standards, fear of higher taxes, a failing Social Security system, declining med-

quences of this act? How it could affect them indirectly? How it could affect their neighbors and their community? I think it is safe to assume the answer.

Even more recently, largely due in part to the passing of Proposition 209, U.C. schools are considering eliminating the S.A.T. as a requirement for admission. The charge has been made the test is culturally biased toward women and minorities. Some contend eliminating the tests will increase the amount of minorities applying to graduate schools; schools like U.C. Berkeley and U.C.L.A. whose minority admission rates dropped significantly this semester. What is the band-aid here? Make the pain disappear. And in its place will be left what? More advice...

U.C. schools should keep the test as an admission requirement. Make people, regardless of gender or race, work at getting a good score. Study guides and sample questions of the S.A.T. are more than readily available to those willing to seek them out. I am convinced it is not by luck students get desirable grades on the S.A.T.

Also, if the objections to the test are valid and fact-based, then rewrite or rework the test so that the objections are answered. It cannot be that difficult to write a national test with math and English questions that are not

biased.

Thirdly, give education national standards that will stick and then force compliance. Then, a national test to measure knowledge would be more representative, and it would speak to exactly how much attention and resources are put into secondary education.

I am to suspect though that the reason some women and minorities score low on the test has absolutely nothing to do with the test itself. It has everything to do with the educational standards that are held for women and minorities, specifically in certain parts of the country and in certain communities. In that case, one test should be the least of the focus and the least of everyone's worries.

What will probably happen? The U.C. schools will probably eliminate the S.A.T. because of pressure; and nothing more will be said about it until it appears the A.C.T. is biased; and maybe finally one day it will occur to someone somewhere in charge of regulating common sense that perhaps it is specific educational systems and districts that are biased. However, if it does, assure yourself the nation will go in search of the quickest way to explain how the situation will be rectified by announcing that educational standards will be lowered across the board, so low no one will fail. Forget the band-aid and bring on the stitches.

Summer Cervantez  
Assistant Editor  
*The Oracle*

ical care, a fear that someone else was going to get theirs while they were busy trying to get someone else's. As adults, we should know nothing solves everything. However, if angry citizens felt empowered to address their individual and separate concerns, they would not feel the need to eradicate an entire social system in the hopes of pretending we could solve the majority of our problems. Did voters think about the conse-

## Letters to the Editor

### Athenians say "YES!"

\*To everyone who planned and participated in Horizon's Day...the effort showed!!

\*To the new Deli... Change is good!!

\*To all students for organizing and coming together over the phone situation!!

\*To Dr. Lingua and Larry Smith for all their support!

### Athenians say "NO!"

\*To STS and their over-billing!!

\*To whoever is in charge of elevator permits...if the permits are good for one year and they expired in '94...What exactly does that mean?

\*To the reactivation of the alarms!!

\*To all of those who haven't written their letters to the editor...What are you waiting for?

Dear Editor,

There are several changes that have occurred regarding ASB (Associated Student Body) and I wanted to take this opportunity to address some of the changes. I hope that this letter will answer some of the questions that have been circulating on campus. This will hopefully put everyone's curiosity to rest as well.

The first issue I would like to discuss is how I got the position of President, when Alice "Cherry" Patricio had been elected into the position during the ASB election last spring. Alice Patricio resigned from her position for personal and academic reasons (which I have been given permission to mention). According to the ASB constitution, there is a natural line of succession based on the structure of ASB—should the President be unable to fulfill her duties for any reason, the position is then offered to the Vice President, Chair of Senate. In this case, Donalyn "DJ" Lorenzo was offered the position and declined it because she wanted to keep her elected position. The presidency was then offered to me because I was next in line, as I was the

Vice President, Chair of the Student Activities Council. I was extremely honored and somewhat surprised, but I decided to accept the position because I felt that I can do a good job and I did not want ASB to go through another election process if I declined the position. ASB means a great deal to me, and this was a great opportunity to show I care. I've done my best

so far and although sometimes I find myself overwhelmed by what this position entails, I have not been discouraged and I am determined to make this year the best one ever.

Many of you read the last issue of *The Oracle*, which listed all of the ASB members and their positions. There are a few corrections I wanted to make. Michele Nyguen is not the Chair of Finance. That position is filled by Mary Jacquelyn Balba (Jackie). Michele was elected the Chair of Finance, but also resigned. In turn, Jackie resigned from her position as

Sophomore Senator to run for the Chair of Finance position. The bottom line is that Hassel Perez is now Vice President of Student Activities and Jackie Balba is the Chair of Finance. Both went through the application and interview process.

Finally, the positions left open due to these changes (including those that were left open last year), were the

Pamela Monzon  
ASB President

Sophomore Senator positions, the Freshman Class Senators, Commuter Senators, the Chair of Educational Programming, and the Chair of Multi-cultural Night (Spring Sing). The list in the first issue of *The Oracle* was accurate regarding the Sophomore Senator, the Commuter Senators, the Freshman Senators, and the Multi-cultural Night Chair. Those positions in progress, (open until filled), are the Educational Programming Chair and the other Sophomore Senator position.

Finally, for those of you

who are unaware, the new Director of Student Activities is Ete Anderson. She has taken the place of Emily Langdon who took a job in Wisconsin. We are glad to have her on board, especially as our indispensable ASB Advisor.

It is important to be informed about changes going on in ASB. These students are your representatives and can be thought of as your voices. We want to do everything we can to make your years at the Mount as memorable as possible. I cannot stress enough the importance of being involved, which serves as a great tool to keep informed of such changes. Please attend your class meetings or be a member of a SAC committee. We have several events planned for you this year and we need your help to ensure the success of these events.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope that I have cleared some, if not all, of the confusion. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop by the ASB Office (Student Activities Office). We wish you the best of luck this year and hope to see you at the next ASB event.



**Food Sale!**

Is the Deli closed and the cafeteria food has got you down?

How about some healthy, tasty Asian food?

USA presents the Vietnamese Roll 'em up Food Sale

Wednesday, October 8  
11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
In the Circle



for Chalon

# Mount Student News

& Doheny

**Yearbook Info!(Doheny)**

Attention Freshman...Get your free photo here: Tuesday, October 7 in the Residence Life (Building 7) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Attention A.A. Candidates...You must pay and sign up for pictures in the Residence Life Building

Stop by Residence Life for more info.

**WIN**

All Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors! The Women's Internship Network can give you the opportunity to spend Spring Break in an internship of your interest with women who work in that field.

For more info stop by Leadership Offices on both campuses.

**Yearbook Info!(Chalon)**

Attention Underclassmen...Get your free photo at one of these dates:  
Thursday, October 9  
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Campus Center  
One pose only, no need to sign up, just show up!

Attention Seniors...You must pay and sign up in H200 (Student Affairs) for one of these dates:  
Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Campus Center and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Campus Center

Stop by Student Affairs or call ext. 4136 for more info.

**Comedy Group Performance sponsored by Latinas Unidas and Women's Studies Department**  
Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theater

**Bon Voyage! Winter Ball '97**

ASB and the Formals Committee would like to present the first annual Winter Ball 1997 on Friday, November 14, 1997 on board the Dandean Luxury Yacht. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$100 per couple. Only 150 couples are allowed on board, so purchase your tickets before someone else does! For additional ticket information, contact Narleen Narcisco at ext. 4535.

**Campus Ministry News**

**Faith Sharing Time Change:**  
The new time is Mondays at 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Casa

**Christian Meditation:**  
Take time to get to know God through silent prayer! The Christian Meditation group, led by Father Michael meets every Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Casa

**Evening Prayer:**  
Are you stressed out? Need a 30 minute break? If so, come and join other students for an intimate celebration through prayer and song, every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Have you ever thought about interning in Washington D.C.? Meet the Program Representative on Wednesday, October 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Little Theater Foyer. For questions call ext. 4146.

**Attention ISAE Students!**

Interested in getting up close and personal with Governor Pete Wilson? Attend Governor Pete Wilson's Conference for Women. The Conference will be held October 30, 1997 at the Long Beach Convention Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You must be able to attend all the entire day's session to be eligible. Food and transportation will be provided. ISAE staff will notify instructors of absence. Sign up sheets are in ISAE office. First come, first served basis. \$10 refundable deposit required.

**Attention Honor Students!**  
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## No Car? STOPtrans Coming Soon

By Michelle Perry  
Staff Writer

For those without transportation, being "stuck up on the hill" of the Chalon Campus is something that can turn a normally calm student in to a cabin-crazy, raving lunatic. STOPtrans was designed specifically to combat this potentially hazardous result.

STOPtrans is a student transportation service run by Residence Life that, in the past, has given resident students a way to escape the Chalon Campus. But this year, in an effort to make STOPtrans a more reliable and consistent service, administration has run into a few glitches while trying to put the program into effect.

STOPtrans generally ran two or three nights per week; all vans were driven by students who had passed a training test provided by the Mount. The student driven vans would go to Ralph's, Vons, Westwood, and Santa Monica. In the past, the problem with STOPtrans was that it was not reliable; some students would not drive their shift because they had a big test the next day or were sick.

Karin Middleton, the Residence Life

Director, is in charge of the administrative aspect of STOPtrans, and student Mary Granier coordinates the ideal times for STOPtrans to run and handles publicity.

This year, STOPtrans will be undergoing some changes. The largest change is that the STOPtrans vans will no longer be driven by students. This is to make STOPtrans a more consistent and reliable program for the students. Student drivers were limited in the number of passengers they could take, so hiring staff drivers enables the maximum amount of people to be taken. "When it is up and running, it will be more reliable, more consistent, a better STOPtrans than is has been in the past. And that's been our focus—to make it better, to make it more of an advantage for the residents," said Granier. The administration declined to give a date or time STOPtrans would start running to avoid setting students up for further disappointment in the event that an unforeseen problem arises.

Resident student Sunnie Schwass said, "I used STOPtrans to go to UCLA for research. It was convenient and cheaper than driving back and forth. And it's a hassle to find parking down there." First year

student Susie Schroeder has found other means of transportation:

"Since I'm from out of state and I don't have a car, I've started using the Big Blue Bus system to get around." If you want to go to the 3rd Street Promenade to do some shopping, the Big Blue Bus system can be picked up at the bottom of

the hill. The ride is only 50 cents. The buses run frequently, about every 10 to 30 minutes. Many people have not had many experiences with buses, but generally the buses are safe and convenient. Schroeder does advise that you do not ride them after 7 p.m., and it is a good idea to take a friend.



Although college shuttles are running, the Residence Life service, STOPtrans, has yet to be implemented. STOPtrans is undergoing changes to better student service. (Photo by Moria Demby)

"I want to make it really clear that it's an extremely high priority for the college.... We really regret not having STOPtrans up and running and we are working hard to remedy it," concluded Middleton.

## Foods Services Experiences Changes

By Joan Fletcher  
Staff Writer

A constant problem on most college campuses is the quality of food students eat and when they eat it. This year, the Mount's food services has made an effort to accommodate student's needs by changing their hours to be more flexible around students' schedules.

"The time change is better. It's more convenient. It opens at 5 am for nursing students," comments third year student Shela Andres.

Some students feel that the hours are still inconvenient, since many students have classes in the middle of lunch or dinner. These students must search for alternatives which include ordering out, eating at the deli and getting their meals in the few minutes they have between classes and eating when they get a break.

The new deli is also available for those who do not like what is being served for either lunch or dinner. Most students like the deli, but a few complain of bad food and symptoms of food poisoning. "I like the deli now, but it's my belief that I got food poisoning from it. I got really sick," says Breanna Ostensen, a first year student.

There are also complaints of food poisoning coming from

the cafeteria. Mary Grogan, the Director of Food Services has heard the complaints. She responds that "in order for it to be considered an outbreak of food poisoning, there has to be a larger number of students complaining. Three or four in a population of over 500 is not enough to constitute food poisoning."

Grogan admits that one student went to the hospital, but she does not know the details of what happened, but it probably wasn't food poisoning because "if a medical doctor says it's food poisoning, they're required by law to report it..." The doctor has made no report.

The Food and Health Department was called by a student who complained of food poisoning. The Health Department did come out to inspect the campus, but it was not because of the student phone call, claims Grogan. She says that "The Health Department comes out once a year to inspect the cam-

pus, but they hadn't been here since February of 1996. They normally don't come out as a result of a student phone call, but they should've come seven months ago." The Health Department's report was good, and it stated that the school made many improvements since the last inspection.

Grogan wished to make clear to the Mount community that "it's not food services' job to poison people. The food service employees also eat here. There are three members of

and there's not enough population base to warrant poisoning." Food poisoning is not the only complaint heard. Many students complain about the food choices and taste. However, some students are not complaining. Andres commented that "they changed the food a lot. It's getting better. It still needs improvement, but at least there was some changes from last semester."

Second year student Chau Le states that "what frustrates me is, when standing in line,

students complain in front of the servers as if their feelings don't matter. I've done that, too, but have changed." Le also reminds students that there is a suggestion box in the cafeteria and food services welcomes helpful comments or suggestions. Students have their own suggestions to food services to ensure their health.

Ostensen suggests that "both the deli

and the cafeteria should have stricter regulations on the temperatures at which the food is kept and how long it's kept to



Food Services: New changes in program gets mixed reviews. (Photo by Moria Demby)

food services that are certified in safe food handling. You should remain calm. No doctor has confirmed [food poisoning]

avoid food poisoning."

While the battle between students and Food Services is probably never ending, there are ways to solve the problem for yourself. If you have a complaint with the food, always go to Food Services and let them know so that they can change it for the next time. Your word does count.

If you are feeling any symptoms of food poisoning, immediately go to the nurse and she can check you out and tell you what to do next.



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# Athena's F.L.A.G. Struggles for Official Status

By Syedah Johnson  
Staff Writer

For about a year, second year student Christina Cox and her supporters have been attempting to form a club on campus that will deal with the issues surrounding homosexuality. The process of starting a club is not easy, nor is it fast.

First, a constitution must be written by the founders of the prospective club. According to Donalyn Lorenzo, Vice President of Associated Student Body and Chair of Senate, "the constitution of a club is the mission of the club. It also states the responsibilities of the club's officers and members." After the constitution has been written, it is submitted to Eté Anderson, the ASB advisor. Together with the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Jane Lingua, the constitution is reviewed. Anderson's main focus is to ensure that the technical aspects of the constitution are correct. Lingua reviews club constitutions to make sure that they are compatible with the mission of the college. If the constitution meets these criteria, it is submitted to the ASB senate for approval. If the senate approves, it is taken to the president of the college, Sr.

Karen Kenelly. She decides whether or not to recognize the club officially. Once these steps are completed, the club will be given official status.

The club Cox is trying to start is called Athena's F.L.A.G. (Friends of Lesbians and Gays). The club's constitution was submitted at the end of the last school year. It is now in the process of being reviewed by Anderson and Lingua. Cox was told by Anderson that her constitution is very good, but it has not yet been given to the ASB senate for approval. The club's constitution was returned to Cox for further revisions. Cox said, "I'm aware of how slow the process of forming a club can be, and I'm willing wait out the entire process, no matter how long it takes."

One of the main concerns which clouds the club with controversy is the fact that the Mount is a Catholic institution, and there is an attempt to keep the school's policies consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church. According to Gail Gresser, Director of Campus Ministry, "the Catholic Church is not the only institution struggling with new understandings of sexuality. Our entire society faces new chal-

lenges when dealing with these issues." The official position of the Church is this: homosexuality is not in itself a sin. "People who are homosexual are to be treated with respect, sensitivity, and compassion," Gresser says. "However, and here's the other side to this, sexual activity is reserved for husbands and wives in marriage. Since homosexuals can't marry, they are asked to be celibate."

Some students are concerned that having this club on campus will not be positive. Kimberly Fine, a first year student, believes the club will promote the stereotypes associated with women who attend all-women's colleges. "They think either we're all easy, or we're all lesbians." However, Fine is not completely objectionable. "As long as they stick to the goals of the club, whether they are educational or for community service, I think it's fine. I just don't want to put more emphasis on our already stereotyped situation as a woman's college." Leora West, also a first year student, says she has mixed feelings about the issue. "They have a right to have their own club," says West, "but if I wanted to deal with that I would have gone to a public college. As long as no one tries to push

their sexual beliefs on me, I don't care."

West may speak for many in her concern that the beliefs of others not be pushed on her. This is a point that Cox wishes to make quite clear. The goal of the club is not to "recruit" other gays and lesbians. "I'm not trying to convert people," Cox says. "The club is not promoting homosexuality. It's promoting tolerance." Club membership is not restricted to gays and lesbians. The club's title, Athena's F.L.A.G. (Friends of Lesbians and Gays) was chosen to make this clear. The club's main purpose is to educate people about the multitude of issues which are common to us all - such as women's studies, domestic violence, and religious views on sexual orientation. Cox also hopes Athena's F.L.A.G. will provide support for people who are exploring or just discovering their sexuality. Coming out of the closet can be an extremely difficult period, in which friendships and even family ties are often severed. Cox believes that it helps to come to an environment where one can speak openly about these things, and be met with acceptance instead of misunderstanding and animosity.

Many students are in support of the club because of its emphasis on education and cultural awareness. Fourth year

student Heidi Hudeck is one such student. "I don't see how the club could have negative affects if people will be educated," Hudeck says. Several students, including Jeska Taylor, Kevin Hulsey and Mary Grainer, believe that the club should be on campus if only for the simple fact that everyone has a right to be represented. Valencia Sanders, Hayley Raynes and Nichole Parker all agree that there are many cultures in our community, and to exclude one is a form of prejudice. Other students believe that acceptance of other cultures is a moral responsibility we all share. Cassandra Hatton says, "This school is supposed to be based on Christian ethics, and one of the doctrines of Christianity is 'love thy neighbor as thyself'."

The reason students come to the Mount is for an education. Some believe this means more than memorizing facts and figures. "We're here to obtain a higher education," says Suzane Martin, a third year student, "and we should do everything we can do to make sure that our education is as well rounded as possible. That means extending ourselves beyond our academic endeavors. We need to have a more heightened awareness of the world that exists below this hill."

## Forum Discusses Homosexuality and the Catholic Church

By Syedah Johnson  
Staff Writer

On October 9, 1997, the Mount sponsored an event on campus which was meant to be an informational forum on Gay and Lesbian issues. The presentation was held at an appropriate time - two days before National Coming Out Day. The event's organizers invited two workers in the gay and lesbian ministry of the Catholic Church to speak: Marge Mayer and Father Peter Liuzzi.

Mayer, besides working as the secretary of Ministry with Gay and Lesbian Catholics, is also an active member of the national organization called P.F.L.A.G. (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Mayer shared her personal experiences with the assembly. She spoke of her actions and her emotions after her son "came out" to her on National Coming Out Day seven years ago.

Fr. Liuzzi, the director of Ministry with Gay and Lesbian Catholics, spoke about the position of the Catholic Church on homosexuality. Liuzzi speaks on the radio, writes articles for various newspapers, and makes speeches in many different places concerning the issues of homosexuality and religion. "A lot of people are misinformed," Liuzzi says, "and I hope to clear



Father Peter Liuzzi discusses homosexuality and the Catholic Church to students, faculty and staff. The forum took place on October 9. (Photo by Michelle Perry)

some of that up."

Liuzzi made it clear that according to the Church's doctrine, homosexuality is not a sin. "There is nothing in the teaching of the Church that says gay people have to change their sexuality." Gays and lesbians cannot be excluded from participating in the sacraments of the Church. The act of intercourse, Liuzzi went on to explain, is blessed only when there is the possibility that new life will be formed. This means that the use of any type of contraception whatsoever, and any type of intercourse that would not lead to procreation (whether between heterosexuals or homosexuals) is a sin. "We're

all in this boat together," Liuzzi says. "We need to be inclusive and understanding." Liuzzi referred, throughout his speech, to a document distributed by the bishops of the Catholic Church called "Always Our Children". This is a pastoral letter to the parents of homosexuals, and to ministers of the Church. The document states the position of the Church, calling people to be supportive and caring, and to be willing to listen to the stories and struggles of gays and lesbians. Liuzzi concluded his speech with a quote from the pastoral letter. "In you [gays and lesbians] God's love is revealed. You are always our children."

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# Peacemaking the Hollywood Way

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

Peacemaker sounds like the title that could have been given to Mother Teresa, but it is actually Dreamwork Production's first movie which premiered on September 26 at number one. This new thrilling hit made approximately \$12.5 million in ticket sales in more than 2,000 theaters during its first weekend.

Peacemaker, starring Nicole Kidman and George Clooney is about two Americans tracking down stolen nuclear warheads. George Clooney is a colonel

who is put under the order of Nicole Kidman, a doctor expert in nuclear devices. One of their main duties throughout the whole movie is to recover the eight nuclear bombs that were stolen from the Russian government by Russian terrorists.

The climax of the story changes when it turns out that a man who is a piano teacher and a diplomat is trying to avenge the death of his wife and daughter by trying to blow up the city of New York with one of the

nuclear bombs. From this point on, Clooney's and Kidman's job is to capture this man and prevent him from committing a tragedy.

The movie is filled with action and suspense from the beginning of the movie until the end.

The movie has a little bit of everything, and Nicole Kidman is able to show how things can be handled under a women's authority. My favorite part is towards the end when Nicole is trying to deactivate a bomb and

the clock is ticking. This scene filled the theater with silence and the suspense grew.

If I had to rate the movie from 1-10, I would definitely give it a 10 because it kept me awake the entire two hours. I was able to follow the story easily without having to wonder what in the world was going on. I truly recommend this movie to anyone who enjoys action films and is willing to stay in their seats the whole time. I assure anyone who sees this movie that they will come out of the theater saying what Siskel and Ebert say, "Two thumbs up!"



## Upcoming Events in the Los Angeles Area

**Play:** The House of Bernarda by Federico Garcia Lorca, will be presented in the Los Angeles Theatre Center until November 2. For more info. call (213)225-4044.

**Conference:** Break Away's Fourth National Conference will be held Nov. 7-9. Its purpose is to promote service. Interested? Call (313) 936-2437.

**Museums:** The Getty Center, L.A.'s newest cultural attraction, opens to the public on Dec. 16, 1997. For more info. call (310) 440-7300.

The Skirball Cultural Center offers family tours focusing on Sukkot holiday themes in *Visions and Values*. For general info. call (310) 440-4500.

**Music:** The DA CAMERA SOCIETY is offering special discounts to MSMC students to attend a variety of concerts. For further info. contact them @ (310) 954-4300.

The Wizard Of Oz is now being shown until Oct. 26 in The Music Theatre of Southern California. For ticket info. call (626) 308-2628.

**Theatre:** Cal State LA's Department of Theatre Arts and Dance is proud to present Point Blank: New Performance Art and Dance from Oct. 17-19. For reservations or more information call (213) 343-6600.

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ISAE students recently took a trip to the opera to see *La Boheme*. ISAE is available to students from various backgrounds. For more information stop by ISAE on the second floor Humanities. (Photo by Sima Alizadeh)

## ISAE Aids Students

By Sima Alizadeh  
Staff Writer

The Institute for Student Academic Enrichment is a student support program at the Mount funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program offers academic and career planning, counseling, scholarship search assistance, peer advisors, cultural events, leadership conferences, graduate school information, tutoring and many workshops all aimed at making students more successful in their studies. Third year student, Anna Intharathut comments, "I.S.A.E. not only helped ease many of my initial fears, but continues to be one of my main support channels."

These services are available to eligible students. To be eligible for I.S.A.E. services, a student must meet one or a combination of the following criteria: must be a first generation college student (parents did not receive a baccalaureate degree), or you must be considered a low income student (as established by the U.S. Bureau of Census); and/or a student must be learning or physically disabled.

Michele Lewis, the new director of the program, states that the program has a lot to offer. She commented, "the program offers a support system for the students." There are 801 student support services at other colleges. The program began in 1969. The I.S.A.E. program at the Mount is in its ninth year. Overall, there are 225 spots for students in the

program between the Chalon and Doheny campuses. Currently, there are ten positions open for students who are interested in joining.

Lewis mentioned that there is a new computer program that will be set up for I.S.A.E. students called "College Edge." This program will be directly linked to the Internet and will provide students with information on scholarships, transferring, graduate schools and majors. This service will be available in mid-October.

Lydia Castillo, I.S.A.E.'s new program assistant comments on her involvement, "I get to work with the students, which is something I really wanted to do." Castillo also spoke of the recent Opera, *La Boheme*, that some I.S.A.E. students attended, "it was very beautiful, their voices were amazing..." I.S.A.E. student Ana Maria Lopez stated "I really like the fact that we went together.... I've seen better productions, but I had a great time with the group." The program's next event is the Governor's Conference on Thursday, October 30. I.S.A.E. students can sign up in the Learning Center. Students who are interested in applying for the I.S.A.E. program can receive an application in the Learning Center in Room 207 in the Humanities Building. Any questions can be forwarded to Lydia Castillo, or Michele Lewis at (310) 954-4138.

Students who are not eligible for I.S.A.E. may still attend some of the workshops, but I.S.A.E. students receive first priority.

## Club of the Month: WAKE

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

The Chalon campus has a total of 20 clubs, most of which are already well known such as Latinas Unidas and Commuter Club. But many students might have also seen or heard about W.A.K.E.

W.A.K.E stands for Women Advocates of Knowledge and Empowerment. The club was formed approximately two years ago by Mount graduate Nohelia Canales. Canales was recently named in MSMC Magazine as one of the 21 leaders of the 21st century. This year W.A.K.E is being spearheaded by second year student, Rebeccah Pelle.

The purpose of the club is to promote knowledge and empowerment, and to explore women's roles in society. One of the unique things about this club is that they do not have an Executive Board. The majority of clubs have an Executive Board consisting of a President, Vice-President and Treasurer, but when asked if she was the president, Rebeccah Pelle answered by saying that this club does not believe in having an executive board because "everybody starts taking responsibility." She also stated that the jobs are distributed among the club members, and she, in

particular, enjoys doing the advertising.

Even though one of the club's main focus is feminism, men are encouraged to join and participate. The club is planning to hold its first meeting on October 23, and will have them weekly from then on. The exact time is still unknown, but they will mostly be held at night. Their discussion will be based mostly on everyday issues such as body image and healthcare, and they are also planning on bringing in speakers to talk more deeply about such issues.

At the meantime the club does not have an advisor, but it is being decided between Dr. Michelle Dumont or Regina Lark. The club is not yet known at Doheny as stated by president of Latinas Unidas, Erika Jones (whose roommate Diana is part of the W.A.K.E team), but it will try to get as many students interested as possible.

Rebeccah Pelle concluded by saying she is very excited about how the club is starting out this year because students have shown great interest and enthusiasm. The club has posted a sign-up sheet on their board in the Humanities building for those who would like more information. There will also be posters with more information about the club and their activities in the near future, and the idea of working with other clubs is something the club wishes to pursue.

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# The Lures of Tattooing

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

Tattoos. They have been around since ancient times when they were used in ritualistic ceremonies. But in this day and age the tattoo has risen to greater levels, or in other words, greater places. They have been making appearances on necks, chins, foreheads and in other unmentionable whereabouts. But what really is the big attraction to this art of pain?

"They're cute," fourth year student Giovanna Bradsfield concurs. She got her tattoo on the spur of the moment, but had been wanting one for a long time.

Bradsfield also maintains that the biggest reason people get tattoos is "to express themselves."

Denise Koller, a fourth year student, felt that she needed something different to add to her personality. "People think I'm Ms. Innocent, so I wanted to do something crazy," Koller explains. She feels tattoos represent individuality, creativity and that rebellious streak in all of us.

Recently getting a tattoo has become the thing to do. Thousands of people have

flocked into crowded parlors all over the world to embark on the tattoo experience.

But many do it for the wrong reasons.

Shannay Sampson, a fourth year student can relate to this. She got her tattoo because she was dared to do it. Sampson considers "I truly would not have gotten one if I was not

pressured." Local L.A. tattoo artist, Renee Chavez believes that most of the people he works on do not really want to get a tattoo.



A moon tattoo on a popular tattoo spot—the ankle.  
(Photo by Summer Cervantez)

too. Chavez explains "I do at least 10-20 tattoos a day, and I still have yet to find someone who was not pressured at some point to get one." He believes that tattoos are just the sign of the times, but that eventually this too will pass.

The way people react to tattoos must also be considered. Koller finds "most adults stare at me, but on the other hand men think it's sexy." Bradsfield observes that people are surprised or shocked that someone like her would have a tattoo.

There are many ways to express yourself, and getting a tattoo is only one choice. Either it's for you or not for you. It's up to you to decide.

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## Recommended Metals for Body Piercing

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The jewelry should be polished and free from pitting and rough edges, and should be annealed to be flexible and to resist metal fatigue.

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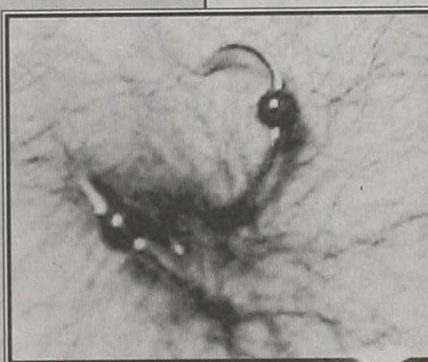
Elemental metals (no allergy causing alloys present) are strong yet flexible and are available in a wide array of colors thanks to a process called anodizing. Not recommended for new piercings as it may stick and trap bacteria. The color layer is thin and will scratch easily, as well as fade with time.

### Gold

Solid gold of at least 14 karat. Gold-plated or gold-filled jewelry is not acceptable, as the plating will eventually rub away or flake, leading to irritation and allergies.

### NO Sterling Silver

Sterling silver is absolutely unacceptable for new or unhealed piercings and not recommended for long periods of time even in old piercings. Silver oxidizes quickly, especially when exposed to cleaning agents and bodily fluids.



# BODY ART



Where can I put that  
needle?...Most requested  
piercing spots...

### Facial Piercings

- Nostril
- Septum
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- Tongue

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&

Nipples, Navels and Genitals

## Not Quite Tattoos

MEHNDI

Exotic henna designs that are used by Hindu brides to decorate hands and feet as a bridal ritual. Painless, lasts for ten days.

BINDI

Red dot in middle of forehead is worn by Hindu women as a mark of beauty.

## The Trendy Pain of Piercing

By Summer Cervantez  
Assistant Editor

Control. Aesthetics. Sex. All reasons people give for getting a body piercing. Whatever your reason, if you have a piercing, you are sure to be one in a growing crowd.

Wiley "Yoo Hoo" Richards, a professional body artist in Santa Monica, believes the increasing number of body piercings has to do with three things—the exploration of one's self and sexuality and identity; the enjoyment and sensation of pain; or, kids who are looking for a way to alienate their parents.

Richards comments, "I always enjoy working with the first type of customer, someone who appreciates and values

uses the expressive and artistic experience of piercing."

Mark Fedor, a third year student at Stanford, pierced his nose last semester because he liked the way it looked on other people. "Unfortunately," says Fedor, "I was allergic to the piercing and broke out in a rash...I don't think my piercer was very experienced."

Richards believes if people are looking to get a body piercing, they should do their homework. "Before you let someone put a needle into your body, you'd better be sure they have plenty of experience, sterile equipment, a clean and well-lit studio, and are able to answer any questions you may have," Richards explains.

While typical piercings can run between \$10-\$35, and jewel-

ry an additional \$20-\$40, for dedicated body piercers like Quinn May, a student at Santa Monica City College, "it's a good investment in yourself and your self-confidence. Piercing is about having fun and being free."

When asked if body piercing has a negative stereotype, Richards agrees, "Automatically people see you and their minds start spinning—drug addict, freak, punk—but the truth is many piercings are done on professionals who have piercings in very private places."

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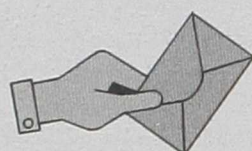


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## Should the Mount Support a Gay and Lesbian Club on Campus?

One thing that all students at the Mount have agreed upon by just being here is that education is important. A college education serves the purpose of educating all who participate to a higher level. We choose to broaden our horizons by being students. We broaden our horizons, not just academically, but socially as well.

The Mount has seen many momentous events pass through its gates the past few years that have helped us as students become more aware and educated outside of the classroom. Students were especially involved in the debate over

California's Prop 209. And a new issue arose on campus last year when the Cultural Co-Chairs of ASB chose to put on a program to acknowledge National Coming Out Week. The Cultural Co-Chairs urged others to educate themselves about the gay and lesbian lifestyle and to support those who are gay or lesbian. Arising from this event was the desire for a new club to educate the Mount community and lend support to gays and lesbians. As of last year, a constitution for Athena's F.L.A.G. has been in the works.

Two questions for the Mount stand though: Should a Catholic college, such as Mount St. Mary's College, support or allow a club that focuses on gay and lesbian persons? Does such a club conflict with the nature and mission of the college?

Mount St. Mary's College ought to support and allow a club which focuses on gay and lesbian persons. There are many reasons. First and foremost:

Education is important. Such a club would complement the mission of the college by offering the opportunity for students to become more educated and broaden their viewpoint.

Gays and lesbians live their lives with a stigma attached to them. Some examples: All lesbians are pushy. All gay men are feminine. All lesbians look like men. The list could go on. But, are these true statements?

The hope is that a club such as Athena's F.L.A.G. can dispel myths that make us all judgmental. The fact is that gays and lesbians are human beings. Whether or not we agree with the Catholic teaching that practicing

homosexuality is a sin, we have a responsibility to our fellow human beings. That responsibility includes not pre-judging them. It also includes supporting them through difficult times in their lives.

Young adults who are struggling with their sexual identity are at high risk for depression and even suicide. Should we ignore this fact? Or should we educate ourselves about the issues these individuals are going through. We should all be willing and able to talk with others about their feeling and their ideas and offer them support. That is our responsibility to every human being, even if our moral inclinations disagree with his or her lifestyle.

We should come together, as a community and support the forming of a club that is dedicated to educating us, dispelling harmful myths and lending support to those who need it. We owe it not only to those it would be focused on, but also to ourselves.

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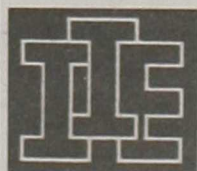
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**Good News! History 190: A History of Women in the Americas will be offered for the first time in several years this Spring 1998. The course will be taught by Regina Lark. To make sure this is not cancelled, please sign up on a pre-enrollment list on the History Department bulletin board, 4th floor hall, Humanities Building.**

150 couples are allowed on board, so purchase your tickets before someone else does! For additional information, contact ext. 4535.

### DIVERSITY IS THE KEY TO OUR EXISTENCE!!!

ISAE proudly presents a seminar on **DIVERSITY TRAINING** led by MSMC Alumna, Lydia Castillo, formerly of the **STAR** program. The seminar will be held in the Learning Center at Chalon on October 23 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. **ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!!!** Sign up in the ISAE Office NOW!!

### Bon Voyage Winter Ball '97

ASB and the Formals Committee would like to present the first annual Winter Ball 1997 on Friday on board the *Dandean Luxury Yacht*. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$100 per couple. Only

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For more information or to sign up, contact Mary or Nadya at the Campus Ministry Office at Chalon or get information from the Campus Ministry Board at Doheny.

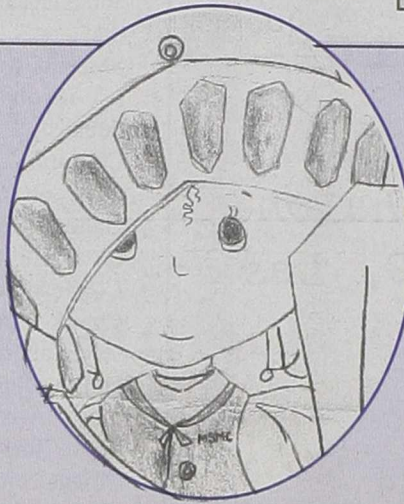
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Is graduate school in your future? Have questions and concerns about the graduate school admission procedures? Then you need to attend the Graduate School Information Forum on Tuesday, October 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Dr. Michele Dumont, Dr. Pam Haldeman, Dr. Cheryl Maybey and Dr. Fred Simonelli will provide you with valuable information, tips and hints on how to apply to graduate school. After the forum, make plans to attend the GRE Forum on Graduate Education on Saturday, October 25 at the Westin Los Angeles Airport, 5400 West Century Blvd. Career Planning will be provided limited transportation to this event and will pay the \$5 entrance fee. Sign up with Career Planning is required (H200) or call ext. 4136.



## MOUNT STUDENT NEWS

*for Chalon and Doheny*

### Attention Everyone!

We will be having our annual Haunted Campus on October 31st on the Doheny Campus. Please support this event by donating a bag of candy before Halloween. Thank You for helping us make this a memorable event for the children.

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## New "Curfew" Set for Doheny Students

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

"Please be home before twelve," is a phrase that most Doheny students probably heard when they were living at home and did not expect to hear at college. Well, they were wrong.

On October 6, 1997, Sr. Kathleen Kelley, Vice-President of Doheny and Dean of the Associates degree program and Graduate programs, made public in the Doheny Happenings new policies that were being implemented this year. One of the most controversial policies prohibit students from socializing after midnight in the parking lot. Kelley stated that this is being done for students' safety and also to encourage students to stay in lighted areas. When asked if this policy was brought about because of a specific incident, Kelley responded by saying there were a couple of incidents that occurred; one of them was cars playing very loud music late at night. She also added that there were certain students hanging around with their friends in dark areas which were off limits.

Many students are over-

whelmed about the situation. Abigail Velazquez, a third year student, thinks it is unfair because she feels she does not "deserve to live like this when she is already paying enough tuition," and also because, "We already have enough rules."

Another student that is upset about this situation is third year student, Yesenia Hernandez who feels, "there is nothing wrong with hanging outside if you are not doing anything wrong." Hernandez views this policy as something that is forcing students to meet with their friends off campus. She believes this is putting students further into danger.

Alex Sosa, director of Residence Life at Doheny, agrees with Kelley that this policy is for the security and safety of the students. She also feels the policy is necessary because according to her, "students have been socializing in dark areas such as Building #1 and #2, making noises and disturbing the Mount community." Cynthia Ortega, a third year student stated, "We are not little girls anymore...and anyway," she continued, "we weren't given a trial period or notified that our

socializing was bothering anybody."

Even though the majority of the students are against this policy, there are a few who are in favor such as first year student Gricelda Valenzuela, who feels "it is good for safety reasons."

This policy caused a lot of commotion. Therefore, on October 15, students were given the opportunity to express their thoughts by attending a Residence Council meeting held in Donohue Center by Alex Sosa. Melissa Williams who is a first year student and a member of VIP attended the meeting and stated, "the majority of students in the meeting were against the policy." She stated, "I am against it because we are all adults, and we are being kept here with no freedom."

According to Avygail Sanchez, Floor Representative of Building #1, the meeting concluded with no clear agreement between the students and Sosa. Sosa promised the students that she would talk to Kelley and let them know if anything new comes up. The policy remains permanent at this time.



D.J. Marquez and another student explore their creative Halloween spirit by decorating miniature pumpkins the week preceding the Chalon campus' Halloween Dance. The pumpkins were judged by faculty and staff, a prize going to the creator of the pumpkin voted the most favorite. The pumpkins were then used to decorate the dance which was held on October 24, 1997. The pumpkins then journeyed to the Doheny campus and will help decorate the Haunted Campus tonight. The Pumpkin Decorating contest was sponsored by ASB's Athenians Against Apathy. The contest was free to students. There were over 65 freaky pumpkins submitted. (Photo by Moria Demby)



## Temperature Control at the Mount: Is Air Conditioning in the Mount's Future?

By Syedah Johnson  
Staff Writer

Everyone attending school at the Mount is aware of how uncomfortable the weather can be. The summers are extremely hot and can seem never-ending. Recently the weather has been unpredictable. One week temperatures on the top of the hill climb to the 90's, and the next week the climate calls for sweaters and jackets. Classrooms and dorms at the Mount offer little to help students beat the heat or keep warm during cooler weather.

Very few places at the Mount have air conditioning. Some of the offices have air conditioning, as well as the library, the fitness center, and the computer labs. None of the classrooms or dorms on the Chalon campus have air conditioning. Many students find it difficult to concentrate in class when the room is hot, and some even have difficulty sleeping in the dorms when the nights are exceptionally

warm.

All the buildings at the Mount are equipped with heaters. The problem with these heaters is that there is almost no way to control the force of heat that comes out. In most of the residences, the heaters are equipped with valves which allow residents to turn their heaters on or off. However, there is no way to control the amount, or force of the heat received. Another problem with these heaters is that the valves which control them are made of metal. If a student wishes to turn off their heater, the valve may be too hot to touch. Some students are forced to open their windows because their heaters are blasting and cannot be turned off. Others would just rather not try to turn their heaters on because they fear that they will not be able to turn them off if they do.

What is being done at the Mount to combat these problems? According to Bill Everhart, Vice President of

Business and Finance and a member of the Administrative Council, new knobs should be installed on all the dorm room heaters. These knobs have gauge settings so that the force of the heat can be controlled. Also, the knobs are made of plastic, so the problem of being able to turn them off will be eliminated. However, none of the students spoken with have these new knobs on their heaters.

Many students at the Mount wonder why this school does not have air conditioning. "We really need air conditioning at this school," says first year student Joyce Liu. The reasons for the lack of air conditioning on campus is a financial one. According to Everhart, a study was done about two years ago which determined that the price to install air conditioning in the Humanities Building alone would cost at least \$900,000. Every year, the Budget Committee allocates funds to each department in the school. Money is also set aside

for what are called capital projects. These are projects which need be done only once, such as the building of a disabled access ramp, paving of a parking lot, or the installation of air conditioning. Everhart says the school tries to do a capital project every year to help improve the school, usually in accordance with the American Disabilities Act, which calls for the building of things such as access ramps. Only \$300,000 is allotted for capital projects per year. In order to install air conditioning in the Humanities Building alone, the school would not be able to do any other capital projects for at least two to three years. "We only have so much money to spend on capital projects," says Everhart. "We have to decide if we should spend this much money for a period [when it's hot] of only a few months, when you know you can't do anything else for two or three years."

Even given this information, some students would still like to

have some say in how the school's money is spent. How are the wishes of the students made known when these decisions are being made? According to Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President of Student Affairs, students are not part of the composition of the Budget Committee. The committee is made up of the administrative council, two staff members, and two members of the faculty. The students wishes, Lingua says, are brought to the committee by the members of the committee, "whose primary concerns are the what is in the best interests of the students." Lingua says she asks students their opinions. "I try to get a feel for the environment." However, students are not officially represented on the Budget Committee. Everhart says there are budget forums where suggestions and concerns can be expressed. These forums may be the best way for students to voice concerns on the heating and air conditioning situations.



# The Chalon Library: For study or sleep?

By Michelle Perry  
Staff Writer

For most college students, the library is one of the most frequented places when one needs to do research or just a quiet place to study, or, as many seem to do in the Willard Coe Memorial Library on Chalon Campus, sleep.

Unlike many other libraries, the Coe Memorial Library has a growing budget, instead of a decreasing one. "I think the library has too many old books, not enough current documents, and the hours should be later. But I shouldn't be working then," said Tola Hang, who works in the library. Students often complain of the age of the books in the library. Librarian Claudia Reed said, "New books are bought regularly and mainly

on the basis of what is requested, and the department weeds out the out-of-date biology and nursing books, among others." Much of the library's budget

goes into periodicals rather than books as periodicals are more in demand and up-to-date." Third year student Beverly Matutte said, "The library needs better lighting. I can't see my book!"



Monique Heredia fulfills her workstudy by working in Chalon's Coe Memorial Library. (Photo by Michelle Perry)

Hang said that some people think the library is spooky, "People are scared to go down to the first floor. They think there's ghosts."

The library has a card catalog and also a computer-based

catalog that contains books bought after 1979 and books that have been entered retrospectively. "I don't like it when they have books in the computer catalog and you go downstairs and it's not there. That happens a lot," said third year student Nicole Casanova. The electric database has files on CD-ROM access, WEB access, WEB/Internet, and books that are available via UCLA, Los Angeles County Public Library, and LA Freenet. The library has many resources that students may not be aware of, so Reed advises you to ask. The library can also borrow books from other libraries for students who request them. Books must be ordered in advance, as it generally takes two weeks for the book to arrive,

depending on the other library's schedule. There are about 30 different journal titles on microfilm. Some of these copies are of journals the library has but are often stolen.

Library aids are also at the library to help students, namely checking out and shelving books, checking backpacks when the alarm at the entrance goes off, and assisting people with the copying machines and computers. Library assistant Gisela Villalta said, "We do anything possible to help people."

Despite complaints, many students like the library. "It's pretty and relaxing. They need more couches!" said Casanova and Matutte, "And the library's a great place to meet guys," advises Hang.

## College News

•University of Texas alumni announced Friday it will offer \$1 million in minority scholarships. This money will be used to curb decreasing minority enrollment after the elimination of race in financial aid and admissions last year.

•The UCLA dropout rate reaches its lowest point ever. While a majority of UCLA undergraduates eventually walk across the graduation stage, some leave the university early.

•University employees sue Penn State and Trammell Crow

Company over a deal that would turn facilities management over to an outside firm. In court Monday, the employees alleged that the deal's goal was to avoid paying benefits to the workers.

•Just as cold as the market these days is Lincoln, Nebraska. Weather wreaks havoc at University of Nebraska-Lincoln causing it to be closed Monday due to heavy snow fall. More than a foot of snow fell late Saturday and early Sunday in Lincoln, snapping trees and power lines citywide and causing millions of

dollars in damage.

•In other news, the Ku Klux Klan is suing the University of Missouri Board of Curators after radio station KWMU's management refused to accept advertisements from the group.

•Project Vote Smart announced Tuesday that up to \$1400 in scholarship funds is available for Mount students doing election year internships with the national non-partisan research organization. For more information call (800) 622-SMART or visit their Web site at [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org).

## News From Around the World

•The nation's largest survey of student drug use has revealed that 11.4 percent of junior high students used marijuana, cocaine, or other drugs monthly in 1996-97.

•The fluctuating DOW fell 550 points on Monday and increased by 330 on Tuesday.

•The trial of Terry Nichols in relation to the Oklahoma City Bombing is expected to start on Monday as the jury selection came to a close this past week.

•US Astronaut David Wolf, through new NASA software,

will be able to vote from the Russian space station MIR this year. He will be able to e-mail his vote which will be hand-punched into a ballot.

•The President of China, Jiang Zemin, was visiting the US this week to meet with President Clinton. Their meetings started Tuesday evening. They are expected to speak on important issues such as human rights in China.

•A UCLA study found that unemployment is the largest contributing factor to gang violence in LA County.

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## Will You Kiss The Girls?

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

Kiss The Girls, is a rated R movie released by Paramount Pictures, that sounds more like a sequel to the movie How To Be A Player. But this psychological and suspense thriller, which made \$12.3 million at the box office in its first week, is far from it.

Based on the best selling novel by James Patterson, *Kiss The Girls* is about Dr. Alex Cross (Morgan Freeman), who is a Washington, D.C., police detective and forensic psychologist. He learns that his niece has been abducted from her college in North Carolina.

Out of his jurisdiction, Cross treks from L.A. to the city of Durham to conduct an investigation of his own. Cross is aided in his pursuit by Dr. Kate Mctiernan (Ashley Judd), who is a tenacious young doctor who

has vital information.

The plot thickens when Cross and Mctiernan find out that there is not only one kidnapper, but two kidnappers, who go by the names Palmer and Casanova. Collaborating through their computers, from L.A. to Durham, Palmer and Casanova plot out their next victims. Together Cross and Mctiernan must work against time to find Cross's niece and the chilling truth behind the numerous disappearances.

Loaded with surprises and thrilling scenes, this movie takes you on a psychological journey into the minds of two kidnappers. Filled to the brim with an abundance of climaxes, it is hard to pinpoint just one. But I would have to say that my most favorite scene was when Cross and Mctiernan find

out who the true mastermind is.

If anything this movie keeps you thinking. Filled with possible suspects and questionable innuendoes, this movie is a maze of thought. But my true praise goes to the fabulous acting skills of the cast. Morgan Freeman, with his clever lines, quick wit and take charge attitude, fired up the movie screen.

His leading lady, Ashley Judd, was not so shabby herself. She certainly brought an air of vitality to the duo. Especially when she uses her kick-

boxing skills. This part was hilarious; I definitely was amused.

Certainly not for the die-hard romantics out there, but for those, like moi, who enjoy that edge-of-your-seat-kick-butt-action. This film by far gets five stars, if you see it you will agree. Happy viewing!



## Doheny's Haunted Campus '97

By Alissa Connor  
Staff Writer

On the night of Halloween between the hours of six and eight the Doheny campus will be holding their annual Haunted Campus. The Haunted Campus was started nine years ago by Sister Ann Davis. It was created to promote a safe environment for children who want to go trick or treating but live in unsafe neighborhoods.

The entire campus will be decorated. Students will be handing out candy to all the little children that show up to enjoy the festivities. There will be game booths where the children can win prizes. "The Haunted Campus is free to all kids, especially in our neighborhood because of its violence, we promote a safe

Halloween," stated Sister Maria Angela head of Campus Ministry at Doheny.

Last year, 1000 children went to Doheny for the annual event. This year, the goal is to have 1000 pounds of candy to hand out. The candy is donated by students and faculty from both campuses. In the past, Chalon has decorated two of the houses, and students have gone down to help out and show their support. This year there will be no difference.

Campus Security will be out in full force and, in addition, local police will be patrolling the area. All of this is done in order to keep up the safe environment that Doheny provides. "It's a lot of work but it's a lot of fun. We provide a service for the environment, as well as promoting a safe environment," stated Sister Maria Angela.



## Focus On:



## Amnesty International

By Sima Alizadeh  
Staff Writer

"When the first two hundred letters came, the guards gave me back my clothes. Then the next two hundred letters came, and the prison director came to see me. When the next pile of letters arrived, the director got in touch with his superior. The letters kept coming and coming; three thousand of them. The President was informed. The letters kept arriving, and the President called the prison and told them to let me go", stated a released prisoner of conscience from the Dominican Republic.

Thousands of people worldwide are in prison because of their beliefs. Many are held without charge or trial. Torture and the death penalty are widespread. "These abuses- taking place in countries of widely differing ideologies- demand an international response. The protection of human rights is an international responsibility, transcending the boundaries of nations and ideologies." This is the key fundamental belief in which Amnesty International is based. A.I. works impartially to free prisoners of conscience (men,

women, and children imprisoned solely for their beliefs, race, or ethnic origin who have neither used nor advocated violence), for fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners, and to abolish torture and executions. A.I. is funded by its members and supporters around the world. It is the goal of A.I. to set out and free the oppressed.



Sheree Andaya and Norfina C. Joves work hard to find new ways to help political prisoners. (Photo by Marla Ferguson)

By sending out a flood of calls, letters, faxes and telegrams to people in positions of authority, from prison wardens to presidents, A.I. members reach out to assist the prisoners. More than 40,000 individual prisoners have been helped by A.I. since their founding in 1961.

Students at the Mount can get involved in this movement through the A.I. club on campus. The group was converted into a club last year; it was pre-

viously a part of Campus Ministry. The club's advisor is Gail Gresser. Co-President Irene Benavidez, states that the club has grown a lot; it presently consists of 20 members. Benavidez states the power in writing letters, "I felt good because I am helping somebody by simply writing a letter."

Students on campus can get involved with this movement by contacting Co-Presidents, Irene Benavidez at ext.4458, or Megan Weaver at ext.4490. More meetings will be announced as scheduled. Students can check periodically at their board set up on the fourth floor in the Humanities building. If your just passing the halls, A.I. wants you to feel free to stop at the board to sign a few petitions.

### A Closer Look: Amnesty International

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### Prisoner Profile: Gyaltsen Drolkar

Gyaltsen Drolkar, a Tibetan nun, was 19 years old when she was arrested and tortured in 1990 for taking part in a peaceful pro-independence demonstration. While serving her four year sentence in Drapchi prison in Lhasa, she and 13 other nuns recorded pro-independence songs and messages to their families on a crude tape recorder. When the tape was distributed throughout Tibet, Gyaltsen Drolkar and the other nuns were charged with "spreading counter-revolution-

ary propaganda" and given additional eight year sentences in 1993.

In Tibet, the Chinese Government is conducting a ruthless crackdown on any form of political dissent. Tibetan politics and religion are very closely linked, so the focus of this crackdown has been on the priests, monks and nuns of the Buddhist faith. Amnesty International considers Gyaltsen Drolkar and her fellow nuns to be Prisoners of Conscience—persons imprisoned solely for the peaceful expression of their beliefs.

If you would like to request the immediate and unconditional release of Gyaltsen Drolkar and the 13 other nuns imprisoned in Drapchi prison in Lhasa, please write to:

Premier Li Peng c/o  
Embassy of People's  
Republic of China  
2300 Connecticut Avenue  
NW Washington, DC  
20008



# Meet Sonali Perera: A student profile

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

You might have seen her in action at the STS forum or passed her in the halls on the way to class, but who really is Sonali Perera?

A fourth year student, majoring in Business Marketing, Perera has her work cut out for her. Besides her heavy academic workload, Perera still has time to participate in extracurricular activities. She is a member of the American Advertising Federation, an Admissions intern, and also works closely with the Leadership office as a College Urban Fellow.

It doesn't stop there! Perera also finds time to do community service. Working primarily in the San Fernando Valley at the local middle and high schools, Perera does service learning projects which tie in school curriculum with community service. In addition she also involves herself in worthy causes. Currently, Perera is collecting monetary



Sonali Perera takes a break during her busy day. (Photo by Moria Demby)

donations for The House of Ruth, which is a place of refuge for battered women who seek shelter, food and safety for themselves as well as their children. When asked why doing community service was so important to her, she replied, "Making a difference in one person's life makes my life more meaningful."

With such a tight schedule you wonder if she has any free time. "Hardly. There is no such thing as free time at the Mount," Perera states. This is one reason

why she divides her time three ways. "Free time I spend sleeping, soul time is watching General Hospital, and hang time is spent with my boyfriend, friends, or just baby-sitting." Perera believes that "creating balance in your life, is the best way to surviving the college years, as well as life."

With this in mind, you might wonder what Perera's future plans are. Grad school?

"No!" Perera exclaims, "I'm going to take a year off; my brain needs a rest!" Perera believes that she needs to do "the whole job-apartment-car thing" before going back to school. But she is definitely focusing her energy on her hunt for jobs in the Marketing and Advertising areas.

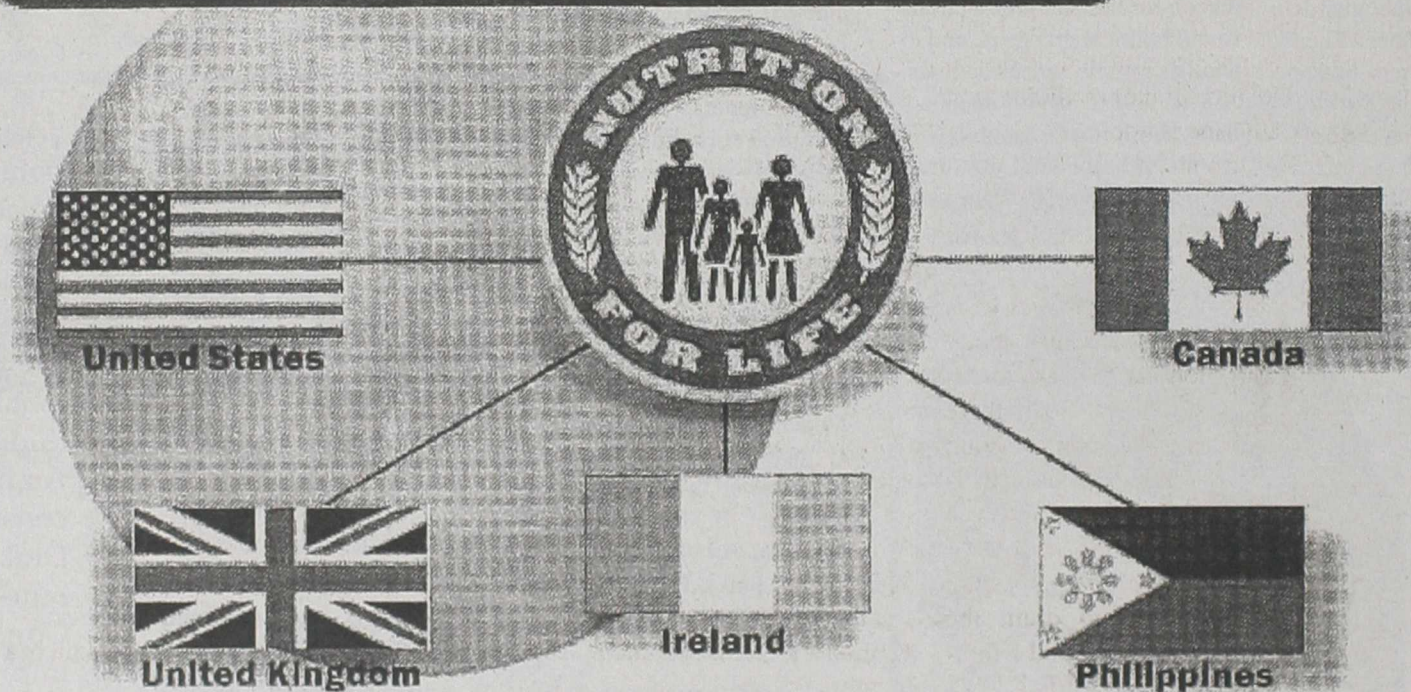
Overwhelming might be the perfect word to describe Perera's life. The one thing that keeps her going is her sole belief that "[she] can achieve whatever [she] wants, as long as [she] sets her mind to it."

Extra! Extra!

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Corrections: In the October 16, 1997 issue, *The Oracle* failed to print the entire name of the club mentioned in the "Club of the Month" story. The club's entire name is W.A.K.E. UP. In the same story, Diana Arevalo is the full name of the student mentioned without a last name. This story appears on page 4. Also, Nohelia Canales was featured in Ms. Magazine, not MSMC Magazine.

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# MOUNT STUDENTS

## REVEAL

### Their Home Remedies



"When you have a headache, massage your scalp with the tip of your fingers in a circular motion for ten minutes," suggests Chau Le.

"For the hiccups, eat a pickle," recommends Shela Andres.

"Stick a cotton ball under your top lip to stop a bloody nose," explains Vanessa Perry.

"If you stick your fingers in your ears when you have the hiccups and breathe deeply, your hiccups will magically disappear," says Pamela Monzon.

"Echinacea tea, Chicken Soup, and McDonald's French Fries," suggests Ete Anderson.

"For the hiccups, I drink water with my head back. For headaches, just take some Tylenol and lie down. For a cold, [drink] orange juice, [take] medicine, and get lots of rest!" says Catherine Batoon.



Carol R. Saiz (Photo by Moria Demby)

"Spiders are very attracted to me for some reason! My fiance says that it is because I use body lotions that are sweet smelling. So if there is a spider in a room, sooner or later it is going to bite me! After using all sorts of ointments and seeing doctors to drain the poison, I found a remedy! **TABLE SALT!** Make a paste of salt and water and apply to the bite. It will kill the pain and draw out the poison! If you are in the mountains, in the desert, or anywhere, you can always find salt! You may not find a doctor or a pharmacy, but you can find salt! It may work on bee stings. Who knows. It surely takes away pain!" comments Carol R. Saiz

"I hold my breath to cure hiccups. I go to sleep to cure headaches. I stay home and eat chicken soup to cure a cold," says Bobbie Jaramillo.

"Get some Ruda (plant's spanish name) and olive oil; heat and then put some on a cotton ball and place it in your ear. Leave it in over-night. It's a remedy for an ear ache," says Ana Maria Lopez.

"For the hiccups, stand on both hands and hold your

breath for 20 seconds," recommends Heidi Baladondo.

"For hiccups, I drink water or hold my breath. For headaches, 'take two of these and call me in the morning.' For a cold, drink lots and lots, I mean lots of water," says Anna Intharathut.



Ana Intharathut and Daisy Ann Mah share a hug. (Photo by Moria Demby)

"To unclog a drain, use baking soda and vinegar! When in doubt, use baking soda!" says Sr. Suzanne Ensminger.

"My mom scared my hiccups away!" claims Celina Banuelos.

"To cure a sore throat, place a cough drop in hot tea and drink it!" suggests Millicent Ongaco.

"Drink tea with garlic and ginger for a sore throat," suggests Sonali Perera.

"Use oatmeal to heal burns and rashes," suggests Margaux de Leon.

"Usually, when I have the hiccups, I take a few deep breaths and a drink of water and hopefully they go away. To cure my headaches, I take an aspirin and lay down. When I have a cold, I usually rest, drink a lot of juice and eat some chicken soup," comments Brianne Williams.

"SLEEP! No classes!" is the suggestion of Selena Melaz.



Joyce Liu smiles for the camera. (Photo by Summer Cervantez).

"The best [cure] for hiccups: Take a deep breath (inhale spiritually) and count to ten while holding breath. Then exhale. This should stop it. If not, try it again. And again," recommends Joyce Liu.

"When someone is choking on a chicken bone, put a piece of chicken bone on top of their head without them knowing. The choking will stop. It only works if they don't know you did it. When someone chokes on a fish bone, find someone who was born upside down (feet first) to scratch the choking person's throat. (If the person scratching is a girl, scratch seven times, if it's a boy, scratch nine times). It's a Vietnamese superstition, but heck! It works!" exclaims Huang "Happy" Ho.

"For a sore throat [combine] one teaspoon of vinegar, half a teaspoon of honey, half a teaspoon of salt, and a teaspoon of warm water, then gargle it," suggests Rosalind Quiambao.



Beverly Matutte and Sweet Rojas pose for the camera after answering The Oracle's Home Remedy Poll. (Photo by Moria Demby).

"Chicken soup! It's scientifically proven that chicken soup makes you better," exclaims Suzi Schroeder.

"To cure the hiccups, drink a cup of water quickly and hold your breath for 15 seconds," says Judy Mas.

"When you're sick with a cold, say 'Mooommy!'" commented Shela Andres and Chau Le together.

"My husband is the best remedy for headaches, flu, colds, and stomachaches," says Julie Hershberg.

"For earaches, use the low setting (warm) on your hairdryer. It helps lessen the pain. For mosquito bites, poison ivy or poison oak, run water as hot as you can stand it over the area for a few seconds. It stops the itch!" exclaims Becky Lysakovski.



"For a stomachache, prepare a cup of water with a teaspoon of baking soda and drink. Follow with sucking a lemon (lemon juice)," suggests Beverly Matutte.

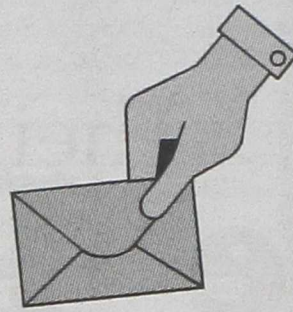
"Drink a lot of water or if you have a sore throat, drink a spoon of honey with lemon," says Sweet Rojas.





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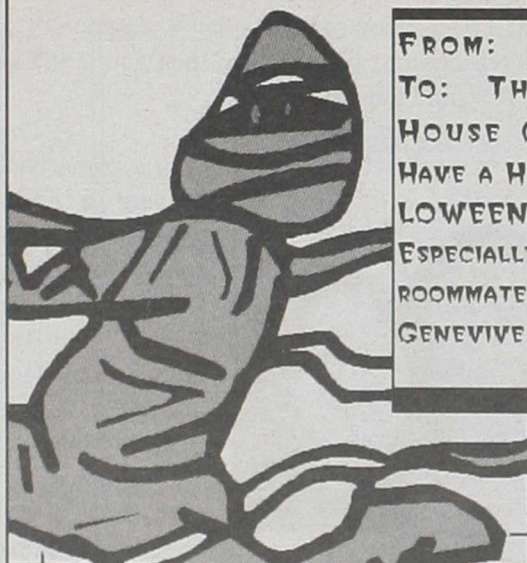
### SAMPLE

Two books for sale!! Cheaper than bookstore prices. Sociology 101 book: *Introduction to Sociology* by Dr. E.D. Banning; English 90: *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison.

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TO: THE WELLNESS  
HOUSE GIRLS  
HAVE A HAPPY HAL-  
LOWEEN GIRLS!  
ESPECIALLY MY TWO  
ROOMMATES—MARIA AND  
GENEVIVE. PLAY IT SAFE.



TO: AVYGAIL, ANNA  
PARRA AND GENEVIVE  
FROM: ANA MARIA  
LOPEZ

TO MY MIJAS—MAY GOD AND  
THE VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE  
ALWAYS BLESS YOU. HAVE  
FUN IN SCHOOL



## MOUNT HAUNTED MESSAGES



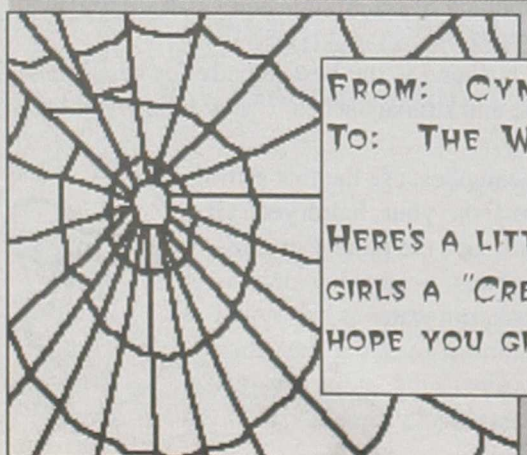
MOUNT HAUNTED MESSAGES

FROM: AIMEE JADE SISON  
TO: THE FAMILY (CICI, ERIN,  
FRANCES, IVY, VERONICA, AND  
YOLANDA

THANK YOU FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL  
FRIENDSHIP. I LOVE YOU MISSIES  
ALWAYS. TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS.  
HAKUNA MATATA. SMILE PRETTY:-)

TO: KAPPA PLEDGES  
FROM: EVER HONORABLE  
"MISS G"

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!  
PRESENTS WILL BE HERE BEFORE  
YOU KNOW IT—HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN!



FROM: CYNTHIA  
TO: THE WELLNESS HOUSE GIRLS  
HERE'S A LITTLE NOTE TO WISH YOU  
GIRLS A "CREEPY HALLOWEEN!" I  
HOPE YOU GIRLS HAVE A LOT OF FUN!

TO: CHINCHI, V.E.A.,  
V.V., AND GRISELDA  
FROM: DAISY

HEY GIRLS! THANK  
YOU FOR ALL YOUR  
SUPPORT. IN RETURN I  
WANT TO WISH YOU THE  
"CREEPIEST"  
HALLOWEEN! HAVE  
FUN!



FROM: ANA  
MARIA LOPEZ  
TO: KIM  
FINE

GOOD LUCK  
IN THE FUTURE! YOU ARE A  
VERY SPECIAL PERSON AND  
MAY GOOD THINGS FILL YOUR  
LIFE.



# Dealing With Drivers in Los Angeles

By Joan Fletcher  
Layout Editor

Beep, beep! Honk, honk... You know you're in L.A... where the drivers are impatient, rude and always in a hurry. Driving down the freeway there is a constant danger that someone is going to illegally change lanes into you, not see you braking and run into you, or carelessly force you off the road. Yes, the driving conditions in L.A. are indeed some of the worst you will ever encounter.

Freeway driving is one of the worst parts of going through L.A. While you are surrounded by big rigs and impatient speeders who are constantly weaving to get "there" 10 seconds faster, there is also the danger of all those people who are just not paying any attention. There are people on car phones and mothers who are paying more attention to their kids than to the stopped traffic ahead. This is all mixed together in a culture that gets too little sleep and that commutes way too much. There is always the danger of a sleepy driver who can easily cause an accident.

Have you ever noticed that too

many drivers in L.A. slam on their brakes for nothing? People will brake if they see any brake lights up the road and everyone must brake to a complete stop to see a car accident, even when it is in the final clearing stages and there is nothing left to see. We live in a society full of driving rubber-necks who would cause an accident themselves before missing the "excitement" of seeing a crash in person. Though some people may be concerned, backing up the highway for miles is not going to help the injured parties any. If you are really that worried, pull over and offer to help!

Freeway driving is not the only time L.A. drivers have problems. Many fail to notice the color of the light and long streams of cars go through red lights and think they are excused because they are following the person in front of them. This is partly caused by the fact that many drivers fail to notice that the light has turned green until it is ready to turn yellow. This causes traffic to back up behind them.

Certain drivers in L.A. are also very impatient. They will honk their horns for no reason. If you are not

exceeding the speed limit, they will tailgate you and blow their horns several times to encourage you to speed up. This is not the usual result. Most people will actually slow down for a tailgater, thus defeating the purpose of tailgating. The constant horn blowing can also get annoying. Although the horns are not used as much as the finger, they have still become a problem in some areas. This horn-blowing is not only annoying, but distracting. The drivers who use this technique to show other drivers their mistakes should be ticketed for being rude and obnoxious.

Though L.A. is not the only city in which these rude actions occur, it is one of the most populated cities in Southern California and therefore it is more noticeable. Drivers who insist on being rude should be forced to go back to driving school where they would learn how to drive with patience. It would also help if everyone quit being in such a hurry and stopped gawking at every problem along the road. Our freeways would flow better and would be a lot safer if people would only change their rude driving patterns.

A sign of alertness on any campus is when letters to the editor are written. This signifies that the student body is paying attention to their surroundings. It also means that they are reading the paper. This is great, but the most unnerving part of journalism is when a letter is received unsigned. Most newspapers, from high school to college to professional, have a policy printed in the paper that clearly states that unsigned letters will not be published. There is good reason for not printing unsigned letters. If people are not brave enough to sign their names to a piece of writing, they should not be printed. Newspapers must also be aware of libel laws and issues.

*The Oracle* recently received an unsigned letter from a student that exhibited some strong opinions concerning an editorial in the last issue. It will not be printed because it was not signed. It is a shame that someone who feels strongly about this subject did not feel it was important enough to give herself credit for her piece of writing. We encourage those who feel comfortable signing their name to use their voice.

By Joan Fletcher  
Layout Editor

UNSIGNED LETTERS

## She Said

Expressions  
from the  
Women's Studies  
Department

### Joyce Liu Women's Studies Minor

In life, womyn encounter an endless amount of troubles and sadness. However, in order for us to avoid drowning in despair, we find a resolution to end our frustrations. We write. And write. Though at times the world which surrounds us disappoints us in each and every cruel way, we continue to stand tall. None the less, we must remain aware of the world's corruption, while preserving our undying hope. It is this hope that enables us to achieve our dreams and to conquer our pains. The following poems express these emotions; express my realistic, yet hopeful point of view. Poetry: it's my write.

#### The Suffering

I couldn't walk anymore  
The snow was swallowing my energy  
The sun no longer depended on me  
I became the smell of wind and wood  
My tracks disappearing along  
with the world's children.  
Sounds of leaves crept my skin

as womyn cried for help across the  
country.  
My eyes furtively glanced over my  
shoulder,  
ready to spot a pervert  
or a drunk fresh off the subway.  
My cheeks froze and their hearts froze  
Froze like ice in Antarctica.  
As my breaths became gasps,  
I heard sarcastic laughter  
shrieking through the endless night.  
My long black hair hidden beneath  
an insulated hat and scarf -  
Hidden like justice under the earth's  
crust.  
I was too cold to cry.  
The time is too old to shed a tear.

#### Tonight's the Night

Tonight's the night  
I stepped across the line to prove  
Not to you nor my friends  
To prove to myself  
that being ugly ain't the way  
nor is this belief the right way  
So I crossed the line  
crossed over the border  
into new territory  
another world  
surrounded by faces of pain and sorrow,  
I remember how we all understood  
each other and stepped forward in

unison  
stepped forward  
A step forward  
many steps, many strides, a walk  
I walk knowing  
You are walking tooo.

#### The Joke

It's funny, you know  
All these men acting like they understand!  
The vote, the sexism, the abuse, the oppression,  
the womb.  
As if they had to deal with an international mentality of men being the inferior sex  
It's all quite funny, you know  
All these men telling us that rape shouldn't be a federal offense  
The violent violation of a womyn's body,  
and the emotional embezzlement.  
As if snipping the rose at it's bud is not that bad because the stem is still standing.  
If this is so funny, how come I'm not laughing?  
Hey Mom,  
when will this joke be over?



# Chalon and Doheny News

If you would like to **travel to Spain and Portugal** for two weeks during Summer vacation, come and hear about this exciting trip. The information session will be held November 4 at **Doheny** in the **Donohue Center** at 4:00 p.m. The **Chalon** meeting will be held November 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the **Campus Center**.

**Any questions call Patty at (213) 204-8030 and leave a message or contact Professor Arkin in the Modern Languages Department at either campus.**

## BECOME A STUDENT AMBASSADOR!

Are you interested in working with High School students? If so, the Student Ambassador position is the perfect job for you. **Ambassadors help high school students gain a better understanding about college life and the college application process.** Come to an informational session on Wednesday, November 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in H201 to learn more about the program. Applications are available in H203 and will be due on Friday, November 14, 1997.

The ASB of the Doheny Campus is proud to present our Annual Back-to-School dance.

WHERE: Plaza Hotel  
3540 Figueroa St. (Cross St., Exposition Blvd.)  
WHEN: November 7, 1997 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.  
PRICE: \$5 pre-sale for all, \$7 at the door with Student ID, and \$10 at the door without student ID.

Also, remember the FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE on Friday, November 21, in the Doheny Mansion.

Look for upcoming information.

## Final Planning Meeting for Fourth Annual Holiday Boutique

The final planning meeting for the fourth annual Holiday Boutique/Bake and Craft Sale will be Tuesday, November 4 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Chalon Campus. There are still a few spaces available for faculty, staff and students who wish to make and sell holiday gifts and baked goods. Only items made by participants will be featured in this sale, and as is our custom, a percentage of the donated proceeds will benefit a charity. The boutique will be held on Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 20 in the Lecture Hall on the Chalon Campus for all members of the Mount Community. Please contact Sheila Quarles, ext. 4320 or Sandy Gutierrez, ext. 4325 the Boutique co-chairs, for further information.

## All Souls Day/ El Dia de Los Muertos

Bring pictures or a memento to honor your loved ones who have passed away to **Sunday Mass on Nov. 2, 1997.**

## TIRED OF LOOKING FOR PARKING SPACES?

### WANT TO SAVE MONEY ON PARKING FEES?

### WANT TO SAVE ON FOOD EXPENSES?

Carpool to the Chalon Campus two or more times a week and you receive discounts, preferred parking, reduce parking fees and a guaranteed ride home!

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Every carpool will receive one carpool permit that must be displayed in the vehicle front window when carpooling and parking in reserved parking spaces.

#### RESERVED PARKING

When you carpool, place your carpool permit in your window and you can park in a convenient reserved space on the fourth floor of the parking structure. These spaces are reserved for student

car-poolers and will be monitored.

#### PARKING FEE REBATE

Every full semester that you carpool two or more days a week, you will receive a \$15 rebate off the regular parking fee.

#### SAVINGS ON CAMPUS FOOD

Registered car-poolers receive an extra \$15 added to their on-campus food service account every semester.

#### GUARANTEED RIDE HOME

If you carpool to campus and need to leave in the event of an emergency, take a taxi and the College will reimburse you up to \$50 per ride. This service takes the worry out of carpooling. Just keep the receipts, fill out a Guaranteed Ride Home form and drop it off at Student Affairs. The college will reimburse you for a maximum of three emergency rides per semester. This service is only available to registered car-poolers.

FLU SHOTS are now being given in student health services for \$5.00. Make an appointment today by calling ext. 4410

## CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW AT THE FITNESS CENTER!!!

Come and see the new machines that include Total Hip, shoulder press, roman chair and much more! Our new Multimedia Workout computer program has all you need to create an exercise routine and diet plan that is just right for YOU!!! It allows you to set goals and track your progress or maybe pickup a new recipe to try for dinner. You won't realize what your missing until you see for yourself, so come in and check it out!!!

## CAREER PLANNING SUGGESTS INTERNSHIPS DURING YOUR COLLEGE CAREER.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW:

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Workshop Leader

### \*NIKE

Summer Internship Program

### \*UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

1998 Summer Academic Research Internship (SARI) Program

To learn more about these and other internship opportunities visit Career Planning in H200A.

## ATTENTION. COMMUTERS!

Advisor assignments have been finalized! Please stop by the Advisement Center (H203) to pick up your information as soon as possible. This is also your chance to make sure your major and minor are listed correctly in the student data base. Questions? Please call x4146.

## No Work Study? Need A Job?

Mount St. Mary's College has developed a new carpooling program that will provide car-poolers with several benefits. The main objective of this program is to increase the number of student carpools. Two to four Carpool Assistants are needed to: Register car-poolers for several weeks during fall and spring semesters; Conduct mailings; Provide information on the carpooling program, and provide follow-up to carpooling questions. Candidates must be available to staff a registration desk during morning and early afternoon hours several times during the week and weekends. The ideal candidates will be extremely well-organized, have good public relations and public speaking skills, be dependable and on-time, be willing to work during morning or early afternoon slots, and interested in promoting carpooling. **NO WORK-STUDY IS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION.** All labor will be compensated at the rate of \$8.00 per hour. Please call Elham Shirazi, the Mount St. Mary's College Transportation Consultant, to ask questions or request an interview. Elham can be reached at 213-931-7672.

## Are You Graduating December 1998?

If you are currently a second semester junior who is planning to graduate in December 1998 please schedule an appointment with the Advisement Center for a Junior Year Graduation Check. This graduation check will allow you to plan your final semesters with peace of mind - you will know exactly what courses you have left to take! All appointments must be scheduled before the end of this semester. These appointments are for December '98 graduates only - No exceptions! To make your appointment stop by H203 or call x4146.



# The Oracle

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## Food Services Faces Cockroach Infestation

By Sima Alizadeh  
Staff Writer

mented, "I have to eat the food or else I am going to starve to death." Mary Grogan believes she's doing her job and won't offer

"I have seen roaches crawling around on the soda machines and on the floor after fumigation. They were also in the kitchenettes in the dorms," commented Janelle Benoit. The Chalon campus is currently facing a cockroach infestation.

A few students had complained about the cockroaches and the sanitation during the past few weeks. The situation elevated on Monday, October 27 when Arie Easley, first year student, was served a sandwich containing a cooked cockroach inside. Easley was

not happy about the situation and was encouraged by students to contact the health department. Easley is now in a more calm state; she commented, "I am nervous about eating here, but, I feel helpless about the situation." Students usually have no other means to get food. Easley com-



Students, staff and administration attended the November 3 forum regarding Food Services to hear what is being done about the recent cockroach infestation and to question what improvements Food Services will be implementing in the near future. (Photo by Summer Cervantez)

death." She also commented that she does not want to fight against college because she has to "be here for the next three years."

Many students were enraged when they heard about Easley's incident. Sonali Perera stated, "Food services cannot and will not take care of the problem.

solutions. She just restates what she is currently doing. We want all of our board refunded to us. The Health Department needs to close this place down." Suzie Berry commented on her stand on the issue, "I am scared to eat and how much are we paying? It is bad enough that they don't have

what we want." As a result of the incident with Easley, Ana Negrete commented, "I don't even want to eat here." Dianne Stewart questions, "How much worse can it get than a student eating a cockroach? If I ate a cockroach and called home, all hell would break loose." Stewart went on to express her serious outlook on the issue, "We have a roach problem. Let's take responsibility; my suggestion is to close the college during Thanksgiving to fumigate the entire building. The college has to take the loss and put an end to the situation."

On October 28, Sister Karen Kennelly, President, Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President for Student Affairs, Bill

Everheart, Vice President for Business and Finance, and Mary Grogan, Director of Food Services, came out with a letter addressing student concerns about Food Services. They assured students that the problem was being handled by the college. They also informed students that the Los Angeles County Health Department was aware and

Food Services  
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### FACTS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Food Services at the Mount has to follow "The California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law."
- The Mount's Food Services Department is not required to have a restaurant license, therefore they do not have to comply with every law that applies to restaurants.
- Randy Alford of the Health Department commented, "They built [the Mount] before their was a Health Code," so a lot of the facility needs to be upgraded.
- The Health Department performed five inspections at the Mount in October.
- The Health Department reported that there has been one case of food poisoning at the Mount this year. It was caused by an organism found in improperly cooked chicken.
- On October 2, The Health Department responded to a complaint regarding the cafeteria. On that visit, Health Inspector, Randy Alford met with Mary Grogan regarding upgrades to the kitchen.
- On October 17, The Health Department sighted the roach infestation. Alford issued a notice to Food Services stating that if the cockroach problem was not abated by October 24, the cafeteria would face closure.
- On October 22 there was a report of a food related illness. The Milk and Food Department Inspector was sent to the Mount.
- On October 24, The Health Department did a follow-up. Alford stated, "I am happy to say that there was not one single roach."
- On October 30, The Health Department responded to a food poisoning scare. Alford and his supervisor noted several upgrades that the cafeteria should make.
- Upgrades are as follows: adding a mop wash sink, a handwash sink, moving the ice machines inside, removing the water softening equipment out of the kitchen, and creating larger dry goods storage areas.
- Alford stated, "We want to be able to in 60 days say that Mount St. Mary's kitchen meets all the Health Department standards, without exceptions, or waivers..."
- The next inspection is scheduled for November 20. The Health Department will be providing a Food School for the food service employees.

## Is Doheny Security Adequate?

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

"The Doheny campus is safe," according to Maria Morales, a second year student. "Although," she continued, "some of the security guards only do their job when they want to."

Morales feels the guards respect the students and know their limits. She has no major complaints about them, but does want them to guard and stay in their post when it is their assigned time, especially at the post in Building #2 where it is very dark at night.

Tiayana Davis, a third year student feels the new guards are usually the ones who do not always do their job because she "caught one of them sleeping and he was not fired."

Robert Venegas of Great American Security stated, "Some of the guards main responsibilities are to observe, report anything unusual to the authorities and be polite. He also stated that it is the guards responsibility to stay in his assigned post.

Jeffrey Hunter, who has been a security guard at Doheny for seven years, feels it is their duty to "keep

noise down, lock the windows and doors, control traffic, turn the lights on and off and most important, make sure the students are safe."

When asked if she felt it was the guards responsibility to quiet students at night Morales answered that she does not "think it is their responsibility to quiet students, but it's the students' responsibility."

Davis on the other hand, believes the guards "are supposed to keep the peace." When asked if there had been any serious incidents reported, or violent crimes such as rape, in the past year Hunter stated, "I've been here seven years and no serious incidents have occurred. We've only had break-ins in the dorms."

Venegas stated that the security guards are supposed to receive some kind of orientation before starting the job, but he also emphasized that the duration of the orientation varies from place to place.

Jaime Hernandez is another guard at Doheny, and he stated that the guards do receive a two-hour training. He also stated there are eight shifts which have two to three guards per

shift.

When asked if there are enough guards at Doheny, Genevive Galvan, a second year student, responded, "yes, there are enough security guards." She also believes Doheny is a safe place compared to outside the campus.

Galvan feels, like Morales, that the guards should stay in their assigned location on the times they are required to, and not only for an hour or two as some do.

She also wanted to make it clear, "whenever a guard complains to the college about a student, the guard should make sure who they are talking about."

According to Galvan, she was blamed by one of the guards for making too much noise in the parking lot when it was not even her who had been outside that day.

Overall students such as Abigail Velazquez and Davis feel safe on campus. Davis feels the neighborhood is dangerous because, "it is dark and there are no street lights."

Therefore, Velazquez feels the security guards should carry more protection with them such as a gun.

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## An Interview with Bill Everheart

Questions Compiled by Oracle Staff  
Interview by Summer Cervantez, Assistant Editor and Moria Demby, Photo Editor

Bill Everheart, Vice President for Business and Finance, recently sat down with *The Oracle* to answer some of our "unanswered questions."



Bill Everheart (Photo by Moria Demby)

Q: You mentioned at the November 3rd Forum it is still impossible to discern the division between the cost of rooms and board within tuition, why is that?

A: Part of it is that the computer systems haven't been in place to track costs. Now, with the meal cards we have this year we can begin tracking student use and begin creating some concrete figures. Also, there has been some consistency problems with administration.

Q: Do you at least have an approximate cost for each meal?

A: No. But, that is exactly what we're trying to develop and this determination will be key in being able to offer different meal plans.

Q: If you don't know the division between room and board, isn't it possible students are being overcharged?

A: When I first came here, we were not even close to breaking even in Food Services. But we develop our prices on this philosophy—we do not want to make any money off of commuters, faculty, staff and catering. We do charge outside groups and expect to make money off of them. Again, I don't believe students are being overcharged. I can't prove that, but that's why we want to get the prices figured out more accurately.

Q: Is the budget divided into set numbers every year?

A: No, we base it on numbers from the previous year. However, there is no direct correlation between number of meals students have eaten and what we charge the next year. That is the one of the things we will need to determine to split room and board. It is difficult to determine the average cost per each meal, and in doing so we want to be fair and create a system that is administratively feasible. If we are not careful prices could be higher.

Q: Is there a possibility of refunds for students who are unhappy with the cockroach incident?

A: Actually, because many students at the forum expressed this concern, I sent out a questionnaire to the members of the Administrative Council ... We will be sure to discuss this at the next meeting. We can't say they'll be a refund, but we can say that student dissatisfaction has been made clear and will be addressed.

Q: Is there the possibility students will ever have the option not to purchase a meal plan? Why or why not?

A: First, let me say every school grapples with this issue. Few smaller schools ever have this possibility. If we did decide to do that, because of the Mount's location we would have to ensure students had access to fully equipped kitchens...If that is what students want, we can take a serious look at it.

Q: Has the school ever considered outsourcing as an option?

A: Yes. We looked at outsourcing two or three years ago. We talked to different companies, such as Marriott, and what we discovered that was while students reported high satisfaction with outside sources brought in the first year, after the first year student satisfaction steadily decreases. Also, cost might go up for students because most outsourced companies base their prices on the reliability that not all students eat all meals.

Q: At the Forum, Mary Grogan mentioned the Health Department was concerned with structural problems in the cafeteria, how soon will these be changed?

A: The Health Inspector detailed three items. The first was that outside the kitchen there is an ice machine that is supposed to be kept inside or be enclosed. The second issue was shelving, the Health Department recommends wire mesh shelves instead of the old metal ones. Lastly, there is a temporary wall that is not up to code and needs to be sheet rocked. The shelves and the fixing of the temporary wall will be completed during or before Thanksgiving break. The enclosure will take longer ... this will probably not get done until after school ends next May. Until then the ice machine will be moved inside.

Q: If the division can be made for two separate meal plans and an amount for munch money, doesn't that indicate the approximate cost of meals?

A: It should...but the answer is no. We were trying something new with the deli. Our options were to make people pay cash or to try this [two meal plans] as an option...We had just started the deli and we wanted people to use it. The meal plan divisions are estimates.

Q: While administration has heard students' concerns at forums, can you detail the mechanism of response by administration?

A: There is no set mechanism...we don't really know until we are faced with the problem. I went to the forum because I wanted to hear what people were saying. I listened student concerns and saw hearing their concerns is key to advancing communication. We do have several goals. Foremost, we would like to restore the student's confidence in Food Service and we want to offer the students choices they want to see. We need to overrespond and overcommunicate in addressing student concerns and letting them know about progress and decisions.

Q: What is being done about the roaches in Residence Halls?

A: The earliest it could be done is Thanksgiving and the latest would be Christmas break. I haven't heard back on the procedure but if it involves tenting or evacuating students for an extended period of time, it would obviously need to be done over Christmas break.

Q: How do you think communication can be improved between students and administration?

A: I see the development of a Food Committee as being an important role in improving communication. There we could get faculty, staff, students and administration's input. A long term idea may be a monthly or bi-semester town meetings where concerns would be addressed on a regular basis.

Q: Why does the quality of food at Doheny appear to be better than Chalon's?

A: Doheny does have some different menus, however we order the food from the same place...Then again, at Doheny they serve less people; for example, they only serve around 90 people for lunch at Chalon we serve more than twice that. However, we are committed to creating more menus that will add a variety of choices to students.

*Due to space restrictions, The Oracle was not able to print the entire interview. For a complete transcript please contact The Oracle at (310) 954-4122. Leave a message with your full name and mailing address.*

## Is The Mount Happy with Food Services?

A poll conducted by The Oracle

Are you satisfied with the quality of Food Services?  
NO: 79% YES: 13% DON'T KNOW: 8%

Do you feel you are being overcharged by Food Services?  
NO: 16% YES: 76% DON'T KNOW: 8%

If Food Services were to shut down for a day or two to fix, eradicate and repair problems, would you object?  
NO: 90% YES: 6% DON'T KNOW: 4%

### Facts about ECOLAB

- The chemicals being used on the cafeteria are as follows: Orthene, Tempo, BP-300, and Borid.
- Orthene is a residual liquid that is sprayed into cracks and crevices.
- Tempo is a liquid that is mixed with water and sprayed in crevices as well.
- BP-300 is a mist that contains oil of Chrysanthemum.
- Borid is a dust.
- According to ECOLAB the chemicals used on the cafeteria are ineffective after two hours.
- A person should be away from the room being sprayed for a period of two hours.
- The chemicals used require the following cleaning procedure: Wipe down the areas exposed with warm water. The floors can remain unwashed.

### Food Services

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involved with the issues. A student forum on the issue was held on Monday, November 3rd from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall for students to ask questions.

According to Robert Torres, Operations Manager in Food Services, he was informed by food service workers that the dumbwaiter in Brady was filled with approximately 75 dirty trays. The housekeepers were sending dirty trays down the dumbwaiter without notifying Food Services. It is unclear how long the trays had been there. Torres speculates that this caused cockroaches to become an even worse problem.

"Come straight to food services with your problems. We are willing to listen and to help you" states Torres. Torres assures students about the pest control company the Mount is using to control the problem, "We are dealing with the best company in town." The Mount previously used the services of Dewey Pest Control but recently shifted to ECOLAB. The company is using a combination of foggers and a special powder to eradicate the cockroaches. Torres also stated that Food Services is actively pursuing the problem. "All my cooks are taking the Food Sanitation Test. Currently, we are waiting for the results." Martin Bautista, Supervisor of Food Services commented on the training given employees, "we have reviewed over and over with them." Bautista also claimed that the cafeteria is currently only being treated for cockroach eggs.



A Food Service employee serves lunch in the Brady Dining Hall. (Photo by Sima Alizadeh)

Students at the Mount want permanent action to take place. Celina Banuelos stated, "The students of the Mount are paying a chunk of money, that should be enough to provide us with a healthy and clean cafeteria. Many of the students will demand their money back if no obvious changes are done."

Easley advises other students, "If there is something that you think is not right, stand up and speak about it."



## Focus On: The Ecology Club

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

How many people ever think about recycling their can after they drink a soda? Are people aware of how much damage their cars are doing to the environment?



Dr. Paul Delaney (Photo by Moria Demby).

Four years ago, Dr. Paul Delaney and Sister Angela Mesa decided to form an Ecology Club on the Doheny campus with the purpose of raising awareness about environmental issues and purification of the environment. So far, the club has been a success.

Mesa, co-sponsor of the Ecology Club feels this year more students are involved. Daisy Martinez, a third year student, is one of the 15 students who are members.

She feels the club has given her the opportunity to, "learn and have fun at the same time, last year we went to the beach to learn about different types of sea animals, but at the same time we took a hike on the beach."

Melissa Williams, a first year student is a new member of the club and joined because she says, "I was interested in helping the environment."

The Ecology Club plans many trips, which help students learn something new about nature. This is one thing in particular Vicky Yamamoto, a third year member enjoys about the club.

Yamamoto believes, "Doheny has a good,

extensive recycling program." She feels one should also be started at Chalon. Chalon did have a club similar to the Ecology Club named LORAX. But according to Yamamoto the club, "has been inactive for 3-4 years now."

Mesa invites anyone who would like to be part of the environmental team to join, including Chalon students.

When asked if there were any requirements Mesa answered, "the only requirements are to pay a \$3 fee and to contribute to the recycling program in one form or another."

Martinez stated, "the members do not have to attend every meeting in order to consider themselves part of the club."

She also added, "Students only have to fulfill the requirements, especially the recycling program because some of the funds we get from selling aluminum cans, plastic bottles and glass are used towards the club."

Some of the club's projects for this semester were planting a garden behind Building #2 and attending IMAX theater on November 4 where they enjoyed watching Alaska in 3-D and at the same time, learned a bit more about nature. Their biggest project was a trip to the Catalina Islands which took place on November 9. On this trip students got the opportunity to investigate tide pools and marine life.

The Ecology Club meets twice a week at 11:15 a.m. in front of the Ahmanson Building. The club is still searching for officers, so if anyone is interested or would like more information about the club, they can contact Mesa at ext. 2672 or Martinez at ext. 2872.

## The Health Fair



The Health Fair was held in the Campus Center on Friday, November 7, 1997. Students were encouraged to attend to receive information on health issues ranging from hearing and sight deficiencies to cancer. Students could also participate in preliminary screenings for sight, hearing, and blood pressure problems. Featured above is the self-defense workshop provided by LA County Assaults Against Women. (Photo by Moria Demby).

## L.A. urges citizens to prepare for El Nino

Joan Fletcher  
Layout Editor

Southern California has recently become concerned with the possibility of the storm weather system commonly known as "El Niño."

Residents living in high-risk flooding areas have been advised by the City of Los Angeles to protect their property and prepare for the floods. The city has also done some preparation by beginning to clear the debris in the flood channels and by clearing

away some of the vegetation along the Los Angeles River, causing some concern by environmentalists. Environmentalists claim the city is destroying homes for wildlife along the river's banks.

Residents in "Repetitive Loss Property Areas" have been warned that this could be one of the wettest winters seen in this area for years. Repetitive Loss Properties are considered to be "a structure which has had more than one flood-related insurance claim of at least \$1,000 with the Federal Emergency Management Agency since January

1, 1978," according to a press release sent out by the Storm water Management Division, Bureau of Engineering, and the Department of Public Works.

According to the press release, the "greatest flood hazards are in hillside areas where fires have occurred in the last few years. Erosion, insufficient or poorly maintained street drainage systems also increase flooding possibilities." All residents living in such areas are encouraged to take preventative action before the rains and floods start.

- A change in the ocean-atmosphere system which contributes to significant weather changes worldwide.
- Characterized by dwindling or reversed trade winds, increased rainfall, and unusually warm ocean temperatures.
- Causes hot, humid air over the ocean which results in tropical thunderstorms in the Americas.
- Causes wetter, cooler weather from November to March.
- Can cause flooding in some areas.
- Affects the ecosystem.
- Fish migrations are disrupted, making it harder for area sea lions to find food.
- The coral reefs are threatened. The warmer water temperatures can actually kill them if the water gets hot enough.
- Can cause droughts which can lead to a reduced amount of crops and can raise prices worldwide.

**El Nino Facts**

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## News Around the World

- Sr. Catherine Therese Knoop, Director of Planned Giving, was presented the Thomas Divine Award for lifetime achievement in Social Economics by the ASSN for Social Economics.
- Sunday, November 9, 1997 marked the eighth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- The UN is preparing for a showdown with Iraq as the country refuses to cooperate with arms inspections.
- A judge reduced the second degree murder conviction of the British au pair Louise Woodward to involuntary manslaughter. The sentence was reduced because it is believed she had not acted out of malice.
- President Clinton hosted a conference on hate crimes Monday. His goal was to toughen current laws regarding violent crimes against gays, the disabled, and women.
- Swiss banks released another list of dormant accounts of foreign owners from around World War II that included nearly 3,700 new names, making the cumulative list total nearly 5,500. The release of this information was in response to charges that they were hoarding Holocaust wealth.
- Road and rail traffic was blocked Monday in Bangladesh as jute and textile mill workers protested government privatization plans.
- Around 7,500 nurses from Kaiser Permanente Hospitals in Northern California went on a one-day strike Monday as a result of negotiations that broke down Saturday between Kaiser and the California Nurses Association. Negotiations are not expected to resume until November 24.
- According to an article by Tim Friend, printed in the USA Today, new evidence has been discovered which proves part of Einstein's theory of general relativity. This theory suggests time and space "bend like twigs in a whirlpool around dense objects such as black holes and neutron stars." This evidence was presented at a recent meeting of the American Astronomical Society.
- In a recent issue of the journal "Headache," a Canadian physician reported that Tannin appears to trigger migraines. Some foods that include this substance are apple juice, coffee, tea, and red wine.



# Stress:

By Alissa Connor  
Staff Writer

Stress is one thing that every college student is familiar with. The reduction of stress is something that everyone talks about but has no time to work on. However, here at the Mount there are at least three offices that can help with stress. These offices are easily accessible.

The first office is I.S.A.E., located on the second floor humanities building. "The purpose of I.S.A.E is to help those involved get to the stress before it gets to them," stated Michelle Lewis, Director of I.S.A.E. There are workshops that are periodically offered in the Spring that are designed to help I.S.A.E. students with stress and time management. There are also workshops offered to help with test taking, and study skills. These workshops help students who are not strong in a specific study area, this in turn helps relieve the stress that could result from worrying about taking tests. Workshops can be especially helpful to first year students to help them adjust, without the creation of extra stress.

The second office that helps

with the reduction of stress is Health Services. The Director of Health Services is Arlene Fernandez. If the student is suffering from large amounts of stress and it starts interfering with their life, Health Services is available to offer counseling. Besides counseling, Health Services also has a program called the Student Health Advocate program. The members pick

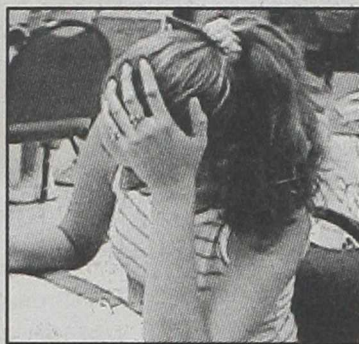
not stress reduction, but the right kinds of stress," states Gail Gresser Director of Campus Ministry. "The point of prayer is not to make people comfortable but to transform the person and the world. Sometimes out of prayer more stress can be found because there is a realization of self-absorption. There needs to be a distinguishing factor between good stress and bad stress," added Gresser.

These offices can help in the individual quest for a stress free life. Two students on campus were able to share how they deal

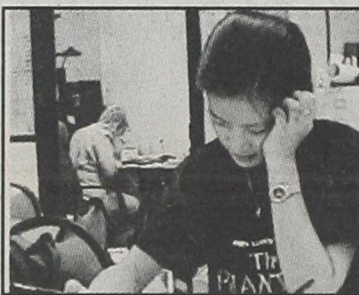
with stress. Jessica Hudson said, "I just deal with it, get everything done, and then I feel better." Elena Villa had a different approach, "I breathe deeply, do one thing at a time, and then watch T. V. for hours."



Taking a break from an assignment can help relieve stress.



Do not get frustrated when you do not know how to do something.



Ask questions if you are not sure or do not understand an assignment. (Photos by Sima Alizadeh)

different health related topics and then educate the school about it. In the works now is a presentation that deals with stress management, there has been no set date.

Campus Ministry is another office that can help you with your stress levels. Although Campus Ministry offers no programs that are directly related to the reduction of stress, many of the programs they do offer produce relaxation as a side effect. These programs include prayer and meditation groups. "The point is

## Oracle Poll

How Do You Reduce Stress?



"I eat. But, I can't do the any-more because food service can't provide what I need."

Sonali Perera

"Take a hot long bath at night."

Sara Hernandez

"Go to sleep!"

Sheryl Fayloga

"By not stressing at all."

Durgha Shanmugan

"If you begin to feel stressed, just think about how small your problems are in the whole great scheme of things in the universe. Life is short; be as happy as you can be."

Nancy Huynh

"Play with my baby (though sometimes that increases it)."

Paul Green  
(Philosophy)

"i go running and work out until I'm too damn tired to stress out!"

Brooke Pierman

"I listen to music! I dance! I listen to some more music! I dance some more!"

Irene Benandez

"Get away! Far, far away. Take a road trip with friends, go to Magic Mountain, Disneyland, whatever it takes to get away and forget about the real world. It may not last forever, but a little bit goes a long way."

Anna Intharathut

"I scream!! I go out to the hike path way far out, and I look over toward the freeway. I throw a rock for



each thing that is bothering and scream as I throw it."

Jenny Hernandez

"I binge on junk food like chips, cookies and especially pickles. Never will I be able to fall asleep at night as easily when I am stressed."

Michele Nguyen



"I listen to Moxart and talk with my friends. Exercise also helps."

Melissa P. Mendiola

## Whatever!

## Going on a Date Soon? Let LISA Give You Some Advice!

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

Whoever created "the date" must have been a genius. I mean, what better way is there to enjoy yourself then when you do not have to worry about footing the bill. Can you blame me?

When your-flavor-of-the-month asks you where do you want to go, do not settle for the usual El Torito run. Instead opt for champagne wishes and caviar dreams! Well, maybe not that far, but these two "hot spots" are definitely a step in the right direction.

My number one "date place" is B.B Kings. Located in Universal City, Universal Citywalk, this restaurant is a carnival and party rolled up in one. B.B Kings offers three levels of dining for your culinary enjoyment. The house specialty is catfish, but my personal favorite are

the mashed potatoes with gravy.

After dinner you can opt for the wide selection of tropical and alcoholic beverages at the bars located on each level, or you



Lisa Coleman (Photo by Moria Demby)

can slide out onto the dance floor and get your groove on to the sounds of the house D.J or the featured band. With a wide variety of music, ranging from the blues to salsa, B.B Kings does its best to serve its diverse crowd.

The next great "date place"

is Chin Chin. Located in Hollywood on the ever popular Sunset strip, this restaurant is home to the trendy jet-setters of Beverly Hills. With a choice of indoor and outdoor seating, this spot is definitely for those who want to be seen. Chin Chin serves up a variety of food. The house specialty is Mandarin chicken, which definitely gets "two yums up" from me.

What this restaurant lacks in entertainment, it certainly makes up for with its atmosphere. Models, directors, actors, the fashionable; flock to Chin Chin to see and be seen. This "hot spot" reeks with class, so you might want to remember to break out that Gucci dress.

Both restaurants are great places to go and can be pretty expensive. But you DEFINITELY do not have to worry about that. Like the saying goes "the best things in life are free."



# Abusive Relationships: Michelle's story

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

She might be the woman walking down the street. She might be your best friend. She could even be the woman you see in the mirror. Whatever the case may be, women in abusive relationships are "everyday people." More often than not, these women are people you would never expect were being abused.

Michelle Baker (names have been changed to protect privacy) is one of these women. A third year Psychology major, Baker

had it all—beauty, brains, popularity. It was not until she met Ron that her once stable world shattered to pieces.

"He was so handsome and charming, I just could not resist him," explained Baker. They started to date exclusively, and in three months they moved in together.

Then things started to go downhill. "He picked fights with me, shoved me for no reason, he even slapped me a couple times," stated Baker. Pretty soon those slaps turned into fists and the abuse escalated.

"He would beat me whenever he had a chance to. But then he would cry and beg for my forgiveness. I would forgive him because I loved him and thought he would change," replied Baker.

She started to lose her self-esteem as well as her identity. "I felt worthless. The more he hit me, the more convinced I was that I was nothing. No one knew that Ron was beating me because he would always strip me naked and beat my body, the parts that I could cover up," recalled Baker.

It was not until Ron broke three of her ribs, that Baker finally

realized she could not deal with the beatings anymore. "I am amazed at how long it took me to see that Ron was never going to change. All those beatings I took because I loved him. It was not love, not what he did to me!" stated Baker.

Though things will never be the same in Baker's life, she tries not to dwell on the past, but looks toward the future with new eyes.

Now she gives advice to other women that are either getting over or are in the process of leaving abusive relationships.

"Do not ever think that it can

not happen to you," stresses Baker. "I am a perfect example, no one knew, not even me."

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, now is the time to call:

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1-800-787-3224

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Rape, Abuse, Incest National  
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- constantly criticize you?
- control finances?
- humiliate you in front of others?
- destroy personal property or sentimental items?
- threaten to hurt you or threaten to use a weapon?
- push, hit, slap, punch, kick, or bite?
- force you to have sex against your will?

## Statistics on Domestic Violence

Some facts about the prevalence and seriousness of domestic violence:

- Domestic violence is the single greatest cause of injury to women. (Journal of the American Medical Association)
- Every 15 seconds a woman in this country is beaten by her current or former or intimate partner. Studies report a range of between two and four million women being abused annually.
- Between 1,500 and 2,000 women are murdered each year by their current or former partners. (FBI)
- 20% of all emergency room visits by women are the result of domestic violence and 75% of these women will have additional injuries requiring treatment within the year. (Philadelphia Health Management Corporation, Medical College of Pennsylvania)

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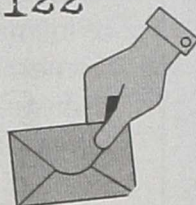
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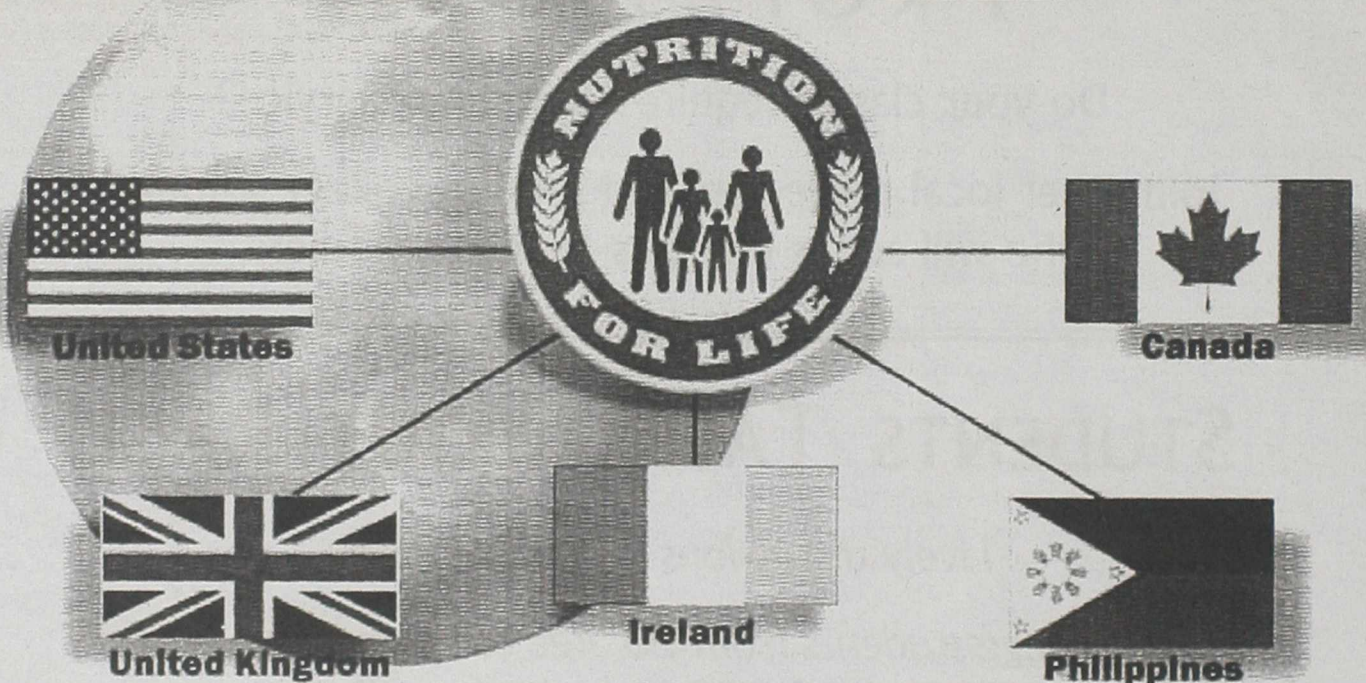
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## Room/Apartment for Rent

### EXAMPLE

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## Beyond the Political Polarities of Abortion

By Joyce Liu  
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In 1987, impregnated 17 year old Becky Bell had the right to have a legal abortion. However, she lost this same right due to the enactment of the Parental Consent Law. Already heavily pressured by her situation, Becky felt even more pressure about telling her parents. Becky decided not to tell her parents. As a result, she lost her right to a safe and legal abortion. Shortly after this decision, Becky died from an illegal abortion due to an incurable infection.

The abortion issue, by necessity, involves many concerns. Not only does it involve concerns such as the right of the fetus, the right of womyn, and when life actually begins, but it also involves the issue of the right to privacy. The Parental Consent Law requires a minor to get her parents permission in order to have a legal abortion. This law is absurd because it contradicts itself. In places

where the law supports a womyn's right to abort, the law takes that same right away based on a womyn's age. If a young womyn feel she can talk to her parents, wouldn't she do so without the help of a law?

Often times American society becomes so enwrapped by the opposing polarities of an issue, we tend to obliterate those who fall in between the cracks. We seem to forget that sometimes issues involve black, white and gray. Abortion is an issue of this kind.

For those who are against abortion, we must recognize the fact that many womyn will continue to abort, despite opinions and beliefs they should do the opposite. Also, we must try to give compassion—we cannot say Becky Bell "got what she deserved." This belief is not only mean, but ignorant as well. We need to realize that womyn do have the right to abort, and they should have access to the adequate means to do so. The Parental Consent Law disables young womyn from surviving—both emotionally and physically.

### M.S.M.C.'S DEBATE SOCIETY

"Those who do not know their opponents argument do not fully understand their own."

Issue: The Parental Consent Law for Minor's Seeking Abortions



## Defending Parental Consent: When Two Young Lives Are At Stake

By Summer Cervantez  
MSMC Debate Society  
President

"How can our nation best respond to the haunting needs of vulnerable children in our midst? We live in a society where 1.5 million unborn children die each year through legalized abortion. We live in a nation where more than one fourth of our preschoolers grow up poor. We live in a world where almost 35,000 children die a day from hunger and...malnutrition. The lives and dignity of vulnerable children—born and unborn—remain central questions." —U.S. Catholic Bishops

Recently required parental consent for abortions performed on girls under the ages of 18 and 16 has come up for debate in both the political and personal arenas. While those claiming the Parental Consent Law violates women's rights and puts the lives of teenage mothers in danger may feel passionately about their beliefs, they have not examined carefully the long-term consequences of what abortion and fleeing parental role models mean for the moral fabric of American society.

The absurdity of objections made to the Parental Consent Law demonstrates clearly how emotion removes common sense when it comes to abortion. While under-age children need consent to pierce their bodies or get a tattoo, some pro-choices have determined when it comes to destroying the lives of two individuals—a young girl, often alone and afraid, and an unborn, helpless child—the young girl is capable of making this decision completely without the knowledge of her parents.

In the same respect, we prosecute on the basis of statutory rape for those who have sexual intercourse with a minor. We prosecute because it is the belief of the United States Justice System a minor is incapable of consenting to sex. Therefore, why would an outcome of sexual intercourse, a pregnancy, be under the sole discretion of the minor as to whether or not she wants to abort her unborn

child? So, while women DO legally have the right to abort, minor girls ALSO have certain limitations that have been imposed by law.

Often the issue of teenage abortion is dealing with two young children who *both* need to be cared for. Of course we cannot force a pregnant, teenager into giving birth to her baby. But, there is no doubt the young girl is finding herself in a situation of panic, and by having an abortion without being required to tell her parents, the young girl's panic is sure to be internalized. She should not have to face this battle alone. If she is required to get parental consent, there is a good chance her parents can offer her comfort and guidance. If she later decides to get an abortion, that is her choice, but at least we can assure she has discussed the situation with someone else first.

Also, many who support the parental consent law do so because they feel many young girls may be neglected by their families when they learn the truth. The reality is some may be.

However, here it is the role of organizations concerned with the right to life and concerned with the well-being of the young expectant mother and her unborn child to step forward and offer her support and understanding. Unless these organizations make their presence known, then some young girls *may* be lost.

The bottom line is still that the benefits of the parental consent law far outweigh the negative consequences. How can we send a moral message to our youth that it is O.K. to engage in unsafe sex and it is O.K. to abort their unborn child as a result? What sort of responsibility does this teach? Certainly not any responsibility about sex and definitely no responsibility about how important the role of parenting is.

Those in support of the Parental Consent law have not only the law but morality on their side. If it is possible to save the lives and dignity of two children, instead of one, shouldn't we do make our best efforts to do so?

## Great Expectations and the Movie Bean

By Marla Ferguson  
Editor in Chief

If you have ever seen the television series Mr. Bean, you, like me, eagerly awaited the movie. I laughed every time I saw the advertisements. My anticipation grew as the movie, *Bean*, broke overseas records. The movie grossed more than any other movie released overseas before being released in the United States. It must be terrific, I thought.

*Bean* was released in the U.S. on Friday, November 7. On Sunday I went to see it. I shelled out my \$4.75 (with student i.d.) and waited for the previews to be over.

It was off to a smashing start! Mr. Bean broke the mug he was preparing to make instant tea in and then began to improvise. It was truly in Bean style. He shoved a spoonful of the instant tea and several spoonfuls of sugar into his mouth, then drank a gulp of milk and finally a gulp of boiling water from the tea kettle, swished it together and down it went. It was funny, but then it began to fade.

Mr. Bean travels to the United States to represent a prestigious gallery he works for in London. He ends up, of all places, in Los Angeles. The movie goes terribly awry.

The colors were too bright and the slow-motion-Hollywood shots were overdone. Mr. Bean was not appreciated by his host family and a secondary plot of a family drama ensued. It ruined the movie. Melodrama and mushy stuff simply do not belong in Mr. Bean's world.

This is a man who has a teddy bear for a best friend. And to make matters worse on this movie, Mr. Bean does not even bring this beloved teddy bear along with him to experience the U.S. This is the same Mr. Bean who nearly cut the teddy bear's head off in a desperate attempt to take him in his small suitcase to the beach with him in one of the episodes of the television series.

There were scenes that were very funny, like Mr. Bean singing the song "Suddenly." But they were too far and few between.

Mr. Bean belongs in Great Britain with the muted colors, real-time shots, his teddy bear and that tiny one room apartment he calls home.

Is it worth seeing? Yeah, but not twice.

## She Said

Expressions  
from the  
Women's Studies  
Department

### The Garden

I walk into the stillness...  
Earth's wonderful moist smell.

Tiny Plants,  
starting to bloom,  
Live among one another in  
nature's glory.

I move among  
them in silent  
prayer and  
seed my love  
in perfect  
rows.

Hoping they learn to love, nurture  
and make the future better  
for all!  
Making the tiny plants bloom  
into there full glory!

### The Lying Mirror

Does the mirror lie?  
Or does it tell the absolute truth?  
The reflection can't be true!  
That can't be me...  
Is that what I look like?  
Why does the reflection seem to  
flicker as if there were two

images...

But the mirror doesn't lie!  
It sees the outer me, but not the  
inner me...  
The inner and complete me is as  
important as the outer me!  
So truly, completely, honestly,  
that isn't me!

### Michelle Boskin Women's Studies Minor

### The Rain

I watch as the rain  
run downs the  
glass...  
Will it destroy or

help?  
What is the purpose of this rain?  
Why does it come out of  
nowhere to hurt people who live  
on the streets?  
Doesn't realize the amount of  
damage it will do, or does it not  
care?  
Little by little I see the shopping  
cars move past my window  
filled with the  
brim with cans and worldly  
goods.  
Little by little I see our future  
slipping by,  
until all that is left is absolutely  
nothing...

Second Semester is ALMOST HERE and it is time to add The Oracle to your list of classes!

Remember, we offer JRN 98 for no credit, 1, 2 or 3 credits. If you join, you have the option to WRITE, join our advertising department, brush up on photography skills or learn newspaper design layout. Stop by a meeting every Tuesday or Thursday at 6:30 in the ASB Office or contact any member of our Editorial Staff if you are curious or just have some questions! DO NOT miss out on this rewarding opportunity for all majors. YOU can represent the VOICE of the Mount.





# Chalon and Doheny News

A very special THANK YOU! to the Chalon students who came to Doheny to assist in the annual HAUNTED CAMPUS event. The hard work of all involved — students, staff, administrators — made this event a "howling" success. This is a tremendous effort of love and outreach each year, and the children of our Doheny neighborhood are the beneficiaries. Once again we met the challenge, thanks to the support and enthusiasm of all who helped decorate, donated candy (or money for candy), handed out "treats", organized games and activities for the children, and helped clean up after it was over. Your presence and assistance made it all possible, and is so very much appreciated.

## CAREER PLANNING SUGGEST INTERNSHIPS DURING YOUR COLLEGE CAREER. HERE ARE JUST A FEW:

- \*LA FACE RECORDS  
Administrative Intern
  - \*CRAIG AGENCY  
Entertainment Intern
  - \*GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER  
Criminal Justice Clinic
- To learn more about these and other internship opportunities visit Career Planning in H200A

## CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW AT THE FITNESS CENTER!!!

Come and see the new machines that include Total Hip, shoulder press, roman chair and much more! Our new Multimedia Workout computer program has all you need to create an exercise routine and diet plan that is just right for YOU!!! It allows you to set goals and track your progress or maybe pickup a new recipe to try for dinner. You won't realize what your missing until you see for yourself, so come in and check it out!!!

## Doheny Student Reminders

Season of Giving! The time is here to give the gift of life to others. Our Blood Mobile is coming to Donohue on Monday, November 17. Are you coming too? Sign up for an appointment as soon as possible (list on Board in #4, see a recruiter, or Sister James).

Season of Joy! The time is fast approaching for Doheny's Annual Christmas Fair. The dates are Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25 from 11:00 am—1:30 pm each day. We need more craftsmen/women and sellers! Do you have items or services to offer? Pick up an application from the Board in #4 or Switchboard in #10. Return to Sr. James as soon as possible.

## Termination of Residence Fall 1997

If you are terminating your residence at the end of Fall 1997, you must submit a Termination of Residence form to Residence Life by December 1, 1997 in order to qualify for a refund of your \$100 housing deposit. No Exceptions! Forms are available at the Residence Life Office, Brady 101.

## Attention all Faculty, Staff and Students

How Private are your e-mail messages? Where do they go when they are erased? Does anyone know what you're reading on the Internet?

Find out at COSA's Forum on Netiquette presented by the Office of Information Technologies' "Three Technoteers," David Harris, Larry Smith and Dan Weiss Tuesday, November 18 from 12-1 pm Lecture Hall, Chalon Campus

## ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS !

The time has come to apply for financial aid for the 1998-1999 academic year. In order to start the process, you will need to complete the Aid Renewal Request Form. These were mailed to your local address the week of November 3rd. If you have not received one, please stop by the office of Student Financing. You will also need to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). These will be available in our office after December 1st. There is only a limited number of funds available - so please apply prior to March 1, 1998. If you have any questions, stop by the office or call us at 310-954-4190.

## 1st ANNUAL MOUNT ST. MARY'S PHYSICAL THERAPY WALK-A-THON

All proceeds will go to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

The event will take place: Saturday November 22, 1997, 8:00 am - 1:00 PM.

Registration begins at 7:00 am on the MSMC tennis courts. Water bottles given to every participant and a grand prize will be rewarded for the person who walks the most MSMC "Loops". A \$10.00 minimum donation is requested on the day of registration or pick up a sponsor/pledge sheet in the PT office; 3rd Floor Humanities.

## THE MOUNT COMMUNITY'S 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE/CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Wednesday, November 19 &  
Thursday, November 20  
9:00am - 4:00 pm in the Lecture Hall  
Chalon Campus  
Sponsored by COSA

## From the Ecology Club

- Thank you for those who participated in the trip to the IMAX and/or to Catalina Island. We hope you enjoyed yourself!
- We will be holding a film night on Tuesday, November 18 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. The film will feature the rain forest, or something about nature. Please check the Ecology Club board for more information about location.
- Looking for a nice Christmas present? Visit our table at the Annual Christmas Fair on Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25. We will sell a variety of environmental T-shirts at the fair. Please check the T-shirt designs and the prices on the bulletin board.

We are looking for more new members. If you are interested in participating in the field trips, the recycling program, or want to learn about nature or any environmental issues, this Club is for you! Please sign your name and phone number at the bulletin board located in Building 4.

## Attention ISAE Students

If you can use all the help you can get to survive finals... come to the ISAE Test-Taking Workshops!! Learn strategies that will help you throughout your entire college career!

General Test Taking Strategies	November 19	5:00-6:00 pm	Doheny
	November 20	5:00-6:00 pm	Chalon
Tackling Essay Exams	November 24	5:00-6:00 pm	Doheny
	November 25	5:00-6:00 pm	Chalon
Body Image/Self Esteem Workshop	November 17	3:00-4:00 pm	Chalon
	November 18	11:15-noon	Doheny

All Students are welcome to come! Sign up in the ISAE Offices. Sponsored by ISAE!!

## Mid-Semester/STEP Notices

If you have received two or more Mid-Semester or STEP (Early Warning) Notices, you should have received a letter asking that you make an appointment to see Bernadette Robert. If you have not yet done so, please call her right away (EXT. 2570) to set up a time to meet with her.



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## The Truth About Campus Bookstore Pricing

By Joan Fletcher  
Layout Editor

There have been some recent complaints regarding the pricing system of the bookstore. Students and faculty alike have complained that the prices are too high and that the store is getting too much profit off of the things they sell.

In response to the complaints, bookstore manager Robert Munck said that they have a contract with the school that allows for a 28% mark-up. They use a complex equation called reverse percentages which allows them to collect a marginal profit of 28%. This is the basis of the complaints. Some students and faculty members, such as Dr. Michele Dumont, feel they should use straight proportions or percentages to figure the new price of the

book.

Dumont doesn't agree with the reverse percentage method

Using a **percentage/proportions** equation for a \$10.00 book:

$\$10 \text{ times } 28\% = \$2.80 \text{ profit}$

Price of book = \$12.80

Using a **marginal profit** equation for a \$10.00 book:

$\$10 \text{ divided by } 72\% = \$3.89 \text{ profit}$

Price of book = \$13.89

because "the markup is closer to 40% [in the end]. They get a discount [on the books]. They want to make not only 28% on every dollar spent, but 28% on every dollar that comes in."

Dumont also claims that the school "hired this company

because it's large. They're treated like a teeny bookstore [when] they're part of a big conglomerate. It just seems like a really big mark-up."

Faculty and students also complain about the used book procedure. They claim it buys the books for "pennies" and then sells them for a huge profit.

"They don't give you even half of what you paid for the book. I don't write in my books. They look like new. They should give more money [for books that look like new]," said third year student Anna Intharathut.

"Don't sell your books back. Sell them yourself. It's cheaper for the other students and you make a better profit yourself," recommends Dumont.

Dumont also recommends finding out what books you will use and then ordering them

through another bookstore, or on the Internet at places like "Amazon.com."

Intharathut says that she doesn't buy books in the bookstore anymore. She borrows them when she can. "If a professor doesn't refer to them, what's the point in buying them," she points out.

Munck did admit that they "have had incorrectly priced books." He went on to explain that sometimes they were sold cheaper or more expensive than they should have been. If they do sell the books for a higher price, they normally notify the teacher and refund the money. He claims the bookstore doesn't "have authority to decide what to price the books at." It's in the contract.



The Mount's College Bookstore is contracted out to an independent company. (Photo by Moria Demby)

Dumont admits that "the college did agree [to this contract and the reverse percentage equation], but they are currently negotiating a new contract."

Not all the students have had problems with the bookstore. First year student Leora West commented, "I have no complaint..., but I would have a huge complaint if they overcharged me..."

## Got Christmas Presents?



The 4th Annual Holiday Boutique/Craft Sale was held on November 19 and 20. The event gave the Mount community the opportunity to buy Christmas presents and holiday baked goods. The vendors at the holiday sale gave a portion of their proceeds to charity. The option to be a vendor was given to all members of the Mount community. The event was sponsored by COSA. (Photo by Moria Demby)

## Sound Advice for Finals' Week

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

Finals' week is near and students are beginning to feel pressured by their classmates, family and instructors. But, is there a way students can reduce pressure or prepare for finals?

According to ISAE, students should plan a strategy. Students should figure out what their tests might look like and practice answering those types of questions. ISAE also suggests students go over copies of old exams, and this will help students plan a strategy, by seeing how the instructor gave a test in the past.

Veronica Villanueva, a third year student, believes the best way to prepare for finals is "allowing and giving yourself enough time to study before finals." She states the best way to study is to, "get together with classmates and form study groups." Although she sometimes studies by herself, she feels it is very helpful to study in groups.

But what do professors suggest? Dr. Lee Sullivan, from the Modern Languages Department, recommends students not miss the last weeks of class because according to her, "Some instructors write what is going to be on the exam those last couple of weeks." Sullivan also suggested that if students have papers due and feel they are not going to be able to turn them in on time, they should ask the instructor for

an extension ahead of time and not the day the paper is due. Finally, she made two important points which she thought it would be good for students to know: (1) Making a schedule for sleep is a good idea and (2) staying awake studying and cramming information into your head the night before the exam, may help students do good in that one exam, but not on a second exam.

Natalie Grange, a third year student, believes one must have at least six hours of sleep. But, she feels that too much sleep might not be good either. The method she recommends for studying is going over notes and readings that have been assigned throughout the semester. The ISAE Program also considers this as one of the major steps for preparing for a test. Students such as fourth year student Maria Navarro, feel that setting a studying schedule helps and suggests others "try to schedule time for your different classes." Navarro, as well as Grange, feels that one must "get a lot of rest and try to relieve stress."

According to Navarro the best way to release stress is exercising. Third year student Elida Davila, agrees with Navarro, and adds students should not forget to include a break in the schedule. But, most important of all is "getting help from instructors and classmates."

While searching through the Internet, I was able to find some help-

ful tips from Ruta Stropus, Assistant Dean for Educational Service and Director, Academic Support Program, De Paul University College of Law. She believes that before the exam there is no substitute for preparation and feels students should start with memorization. One way students can do this is by "dividing the numbers of pages of your outline by the days you have allotted to study that subject." Cover that amount each day. She suggests that during the exam, students should "brain dump your flowchart on the inside of the Bluebook."

She also suggests students read the exam three times: once for priority; twice for issues; and third for content. She concludes her tips by suggesting students not speak to anyone about the exam after taking it, not to plan to study the night after taking an exam, and to start afresh the next day.

Each students' method of studying will vary. But, if anyone feels they need extra help, the Learning Center on both campuses provides tutors who are willing to help students with any difficulties they might be having. If anyone is interested in knowing more about how to prepare for finals, the Internet could be a good source to look into. Two places students can start looking under are:

<http://140.192.29.99/asp/tipexam.htm>  
or [http://www.bs.wlihe.ac.uk/bs\\_project/idslinks/textstudyskills/studyskills11.html](http://www.bs.wlihe.ac.uk/bs_project/idslinks/textstudyskills/studyskills11.html)

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**The Future of Food Services...****An Interview with Mary Grogan**

Interview by Summer Cervantez, Assistant Editor,  
and Moria Demby, Photo Editor

Mary Grogan, Director of Food Services, recently talked with *The Oracle* regarding concerns and questions about her department.

Q: First of all, can you tell us a little bit about your educational background and how you came to be Director of Food Services at the Mount?

A: I have been working in food services since I was 15. Throughout college I worked for food services, and my junior and senior years I was a student program manager. After college I became a manager for Saga Foods, (which later became Marriott), and worked at six or seven different universities. I have been at the Mount since 1996.

Q: What sort of Food Service certification and safety training have you undergone?

A: I am certified by the National Restaurant Association and have been since 1980. I also hold many other certifications.

Q: When you first came to the Mount, what did you see that you most wanted to change? And now, what do you feel still needs to be changed and improved?

A: There were so many things. After working for Marriott, being here was a throwback. Mainly, I am concerned with updating. We started with kitchen equipment, and now we are working on outside services for the students, like the Deli. People want things now. People have to realize things take time. We have met with a contractor, and he was amazed at the antiquity of the building. The long term plan is to renovate and expand the dining areas.

Q: Regarding the cockroach infestation, what is the status of the situation now?

A: I am thrilled to say Ecolab reported on November 19 when they came to inspect that "no activity" was found and we were "overall a clean facility."

Q: What changes have been implemented since the Student Forum? What other changes can students expect in the future?

A: We have new refrigeration units for the desserts and dairy products. Employees wear gloves when handling ready to eat foods. Item identifiers are now listed for meal entrees. Spinach is now offered daily on the salad bar. Rice is offered daily. Polish sausage and sauerkraut have been eliminated from the menu. A Food Committee is being established, and the first meeting date has been set. Employee name tags have been ordered. We have new bagel and cereal dispensers. The ice machines have been relocated. The dry storage wall is being repaired.

Q: Where are you at in the development of a Food Committee? Who will be on the committee? How will they be chosen? How often will they meet? How effective do you think the committee will be?

A: I am expecting good things with the Food Committee. We will be having our first meeting on December 1. I met with Mari [Dr. Mari Wadsworth, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs] and D.J. [Donalyn Lorenzo, ASB Vice-President, Chair of Senate] to determine when this first meeting would happen.

The committee will consist of the Food Services Director, a representative of COSA, the Director of Student Health Services, the Operations Manager of Food Services, the Food Service Supervisor, the Director of Fitness Education, 2 resident students, and 2 commuter students. ASB will handle who the student representatives will be. Future meeting dates will be set at the first meeting and probably will be held monthly, although that's not final.

I've worked at other colleges where a committee has been very effective.

Q: Can you describe the number of food service

workers who are certified, what they are certified in, and any other training that is required when they become employees of the Mount.

A: Each department has its own set of standards. For most of our positions they would have to work in food service for at least a year prior to being hired by the college. We have monthly training sessions with different topics such as, working with knives. Employees have a six month probation period, however three of our kitchen managers were previously employed in hospitals and adhere to those standards; they would not hesitate to let go of an employee before the end of a probation period. The Health Department will be doing a class

for the staff in the first week of December. There is also safe serving testing for the cooks.

Q: The Health Department mentioned that we are viewed as a restaurant and so we adhere to different standards. For example, our standards are far less rigid than a school like UCLA; is this true and what does it mean?

A: The College is licensed as a boarding school versus being licensed as a restaurant. The difference means that we have more of a self-contained campus, and that the Health

Inspector also examines other areas of the school for safety.

Q: While we have been inspected several times throughout the last two months, because of the infestation, before this October our inspections were irregular. How often can we now expect the Health Department to come out?

A: They are supposed to come out yearly. February 1996 was the last time they came out prior to October. We should expect them to continue to come out yearly.

Q: Student choice and a variety of meal options seems to be one of the largest complaints from students. Why can't the menu be more diverse and offer a larger variety of choices, not only daily but weekly?

A: Obviously we are hoping the establishment of a Food Committee will help us with that. Size is, of course, a problem. The structural design of the serving line prohibits us from offering too many meal choices. Right now we are on a four week menu cycle; it is possible to move to a five week cycle.

Q: There are many vegetarians at the Mount who have complained because few quality vegetarian entrees are offered. Do you think you are compensating for these students?

A: We are trying to. We are not 100 percent infallible. If students don't speak out and say something, we can't get what they want out there.

Q: How is the new meal card system working versus meal systems in previous years? Are you able to track in a manner so that food services costs and budgets are more accurate?

A: It's [the new meal system] a good starting point. We have gone from no choices, and to have 2 choices for meals is a big step. We had to start somewhere. We will probably add more options next year. Right now we are tracking, but we still have nothing to compare those numbers to. Again, this is a beginning.

Q: Why is it that students are unable to use their meal cards for guests if they are paying for the card, and they are allotted a certain number of meals per week?

A: The meal plan was not designed to be non-transferrable. The design includes a miss factor because the college knows you can not eat all those meals.

Q: Are there any additional comments you would like to add?

A: I just want to move forward in light of recent events. I want to examine how we can make things better and look toward the future.



Mary Grogan chats and answers questions. (Photo by Moria Demby)

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In Real Newspapers**

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Correction: In the November 14, 1997 issue, *The Oracle* misspelled Bill Everhart's name throughout the issue. We sincerely apologize for the error.



## The Difficulties of Speaking Out

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

In light of recent events that have taken place on the Mount campus, many students have come together to voice their opinions on what they feel needs to be changed. But, there are still a vast majority of students that have chosen to keep quiet. What is the reason behind the silence?

"Some students do not feel like they can make a difference by themselves," responds fourth year student Giovanna Bradsfield.

She feels that once people get over this initial setback, more people will be able to voice their opinions.

Third year student, Janelle Benoit, declares "students just do not have time to speak out; they have to study and go to work."

She believes that people do want to participate, but they do not have enough time to do it.

The various forums that

have been held on campus in the past months have given students ample opportunity to be heard. But still, some students shy away from this.

Sonali Perera, a fourth year student, feels that the reasons students are leery of speaking out "comes from their lack of knowledge on the subject." She perceives that once people get all the facts, more voices will be heard.

Eté Anderson, Director of Student Activities, believes that the real reason behind the silence comes from the

levels of student participation.

Anderson observes that "the people who do not speak out tend to be those students who are less involved on campus, and more withdrawn from school activities."

"People do not speak out because they come to me and complain," Perera states.

She believes that once everyone stops sitting back and expecting others to be their voice things will certainly improve.



## A Filmmaker Among Us

By Alissa Connor  
Staff Writer



Grady R. Daugherty (Photo by Moria Demby)

When you think of a typical shuttle driver at the Mount, you do not think of what they do outside of their campus duties. Grady R. Daugherty, one of the shuttle drivers, has made a film in his spare time. This is his third project, but the only one to make it to completion.

*Requiem for a Generation*, the title of his dramatic leftist love story, will not make it to movie theatres, but it will be released. The dates for release have not been made; the finishing touches are being done right now. Daugherty decided to make the film because it was something he wanted to do, and he had the resources.

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# The Growing Trend Toward Vegetarianism

By Sima Alizadeh  
Staff Writer



Vegetarianism has been a way of life for many people for centuries, and today nearly 20 million Americans are vegetarians and many more have greatly reduced their meat consumption. Recently, as more and more people look for different ways to stay healthy and more people have become aware of the realities of meat production, vegetarianism has rapidly gained popularity.

While many people make the choice to become vegetarians, others question vegetarian ethics. What are some of the reasons that vegetarians give for their decision not to consume meat and other products? What are the facts? Among the many reasons for being a vegetarian are: health, ecological and religious concerns, dislike of meat, compassion for animals, belief in non-violence and economics.

Many vegetarians focus on the health benefits of eliminating animal products from their diet. According to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, "The consumption of animal products has been conclusively linked with heart disease, cancer, diabetes, arthritis, and osteoporosis. Cholesterol (found only in animal products) and animal fat can clog arteries and lead to heart attacks and strokes. A vegetarian diet can prevent 97% of coronary occlusions. The rate of colon cancer is highest in regions where meat consumption is high and lowest where meat-

eating is uncommon. A similar pattern is evident for breast, cervical, uterine, ovarian, prostate, and lung cancers."

Approximately 9,000 Americans die annually from food-borne illness and an estimated 80 million others fall ill. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates up to 40% of the poultry sold in this country is infected with salmonella bacteria. PETA claims, "Meat contains 14 times as much pesticide residue as plant foods; dairy products, more than five times as many. Fish is another source of dangerous residues. The EPA estimates that fish can accumulate up to nine million times the level of cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) found in the water in which they live. Ninety-five percent of human exposure to dioxin, a "probable" cause of cancer and other health risks, comes through meat, fish, and dairy consumption."

There are also several ecological arguments in vegetarian ethics. More than four million acres of cropland are lost to erosion in the United States every year. Of this staggering topsoil loss, 85% is directly associated with livestock raising. Throughout the world, forests are being depleted to support meat consumption. Between 1960 and 1985, nearly 40% of all Central American rain forests were defaced to create pastures for beef cattle. Also, many of the excrement from "food" animals (which amounts to 20 times as much fecal matter as human waste) flows into our lakes and streams unfiltered. The production of one pound of beef requires 2,500 gallons of water. It takes less water to produce a vegan's food con-

sumption for an entire year than to produce one month's food for a meat-eater.

Humanitarian concerns also prevail in vegetarian ethics. The U.S. livestock population consumes enough grain and soybeans to feed more than five times the entire U.S. population. One acre of pasture produces an average of 165 pounds of beef; the same acre can produce 20,000 pounds of potatoes. If Americans reduced their meat consumption by only 10 percent, it would free 12 million tons of grain annually. According to PETA, that alone would be enough to adequately feed each of the 60 million people who starve to death each year.

Probably the most heard arguments against meat-eating lie in the unethical treatments of animals. PETA claims, "Simply stated, the factory farming system of modern agriculture strives to produce the most meat, milk, and eggs as quickly and cheaply as possible and in the smallest amount of space possible. Cows, calves, pigs, chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, rabbits, and other animals are kept in small cages or stalls, often unable to turn around." They are deprived of exercise. They are fed hormones to fatten them faster and are genetically altered to grow larger or to produce more milk or eggs.

The voices of many vegetarians are emerging to express their views on the issues involved.

There are many aspects to vegetarian ethics and a lot of astounding information on the facts of what really goes into bringing meat into the U.S. market.



## Types of Vegetarians

•Vegan—a vegetarian who does not eat meat, animal products (such as milk and eggs), or honey, in some cases. Vegans also choose not to wear any animal products.

•Ovo-lacto Vegetarian—a vegetarian who does not eat meat but eats dairy products and eggs

•Pescetarian—a vegetarian who eats fish but not other meats.

•Macrobiotic—a diet followed for spiritual and philosophical reasons. Aims to maintain a balance between foods seen as ying (positive) or yang (negative). The diet progresses through ten levels, becoming increasingly restrictive. The highest levels eliminate fruit and vegetables, eventually reaching the level of a brown rice diet.

Compiled by Sima Alizadeh

## Famous Vegetarians

•Jennie Garth  
•Candice Bergen  
•Kim Basinger  
•Rosanna Arquette  
•Brad Pitt  
•River Phoenix  
•Darryl Hannah  
•Brooke Shields  
•Alexandra Perkins  
•Courtney Thorne Smith  
•George Bernard Shaw  
•Sara Gilbert  
•Albert Einstein  
•Elvis Costello  
•Kate Bush  
•Jerry Garcia  
•Kd lang  
•Madonna  
•Natalie Merchant

•Sting  
•Keven Neelan  
•Claudia Schiffer  
•Stevie Wonder  
•Paul McCartney  
•Linda McCartney  
•Christie Brinkley  
•Yasmin Le Bon  
•The artist formerly known as Prince  
•Melissa Etheridge  
•Michael Jackson  
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•Scott Adams (The Dilbert guy!)

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## Student Profile: Meet Suzie Ward

By Alissa Connor  
Staff Writer

Suzie Ward is a second year Biology student with an emphasis in pre-med. She is currently the coordinator for the Care Extenders program, a volunteer program at the UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center.

Ward also dedicates much of her time to various research labs around campus.

This year Ward is one of the Sophomore Senators. Along with being involved in ASB, Ward also is involved in the Scholar Mentor club, Pi Theta Mu, DOCS, and AACW. Ward holds offices in both the Scholar Mentor club and DOCS. When Ward can find a free moment from all of these clubs, she tutors in Calculus and Chemistry.

"I'd like to see myself go to UCLA medical school, get married, and be happy," says Ward about her plans for after graduation.

While in medical school, she plans to work towards her specialty, which she hopes to be cardiology. "I want to become a good doctor because I feel people are often cheated and taken advantage of. I want to provide good healthcare that is worth the price people pay." Ward knew she wanted to be a doctor since



Suzie Ward (Photo by Moria Demby)

she was ten years old, but it was her tenth grade Biology teacher who actually inspired her.

When Ward has free moments she likes to spend time with her fiancé, Romel. When that is not possible, she enjoys swimming and visiting with friends.

Her most important priority right now is her school work, so most of the time you can find her in her room studying for her various classes, such as Organic Chemistry.

Next year Ward hopes to possibly become a Resident Assistant. As her third year is right around the corner, Ward had this to say about her focus, "I hope to maintain my high GPA and successfully pass the MCAT next year to continue preparing for medical school."

## Whatever!

# Spring cleaning for the New Year

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

Breaktime! Finals are over! Finally you have some free time on your hands. For one whole month, gone are the days of homework, term papers and those endless classes that keep going and going and going....you get the picture.

Right about now you are probably looking forward to numerous family gatherings, presents, and those scrumptious home cooked holiday dinners that are sure to remedy any Mount students' craving for real food.

With all this in store for the holidays, it is amazing how we gather up the courage to drag ourselves back for the Spring semester.

On a more serious note, putting all the "jingle-bell" hubbub aside (at least for the moment), we need to focus on a more important issue, YOU! During this month long siesta, we should all try to take some time out of our "holly" day and re-evaluate our lives.

I know, I know, you would rather grab those extra hours of wonderful, beautiful, extraordinary sleep that has been deprived from you month after month after month...

Do not fret, just think of this evaluation as a form of spring cleaning-- throwing away the use-

less objects and keeping those that serve a purpose and bring happiness to your existence. This is a great start for the approaching new year.

I hope you do not think that I am talking about a garage sale. No! I am talking about throwing out all the negative energy in your life. Whether it is a bad habit, a back-stabbing friend, or even that special someone...if it is causing major static, kick it to the curb!

We all need to remember that a new year means a new start, new faces, and a new life.

Wise up; eliminate all those bad vibes that are putting a strain on your happiness, and embrace this yearly chance for new beginnings.

This year, instead of worrying so much about others, focus more on three important people—YOU, YOURSELF, AND YOU. Ring in the New Year with a new attitude,

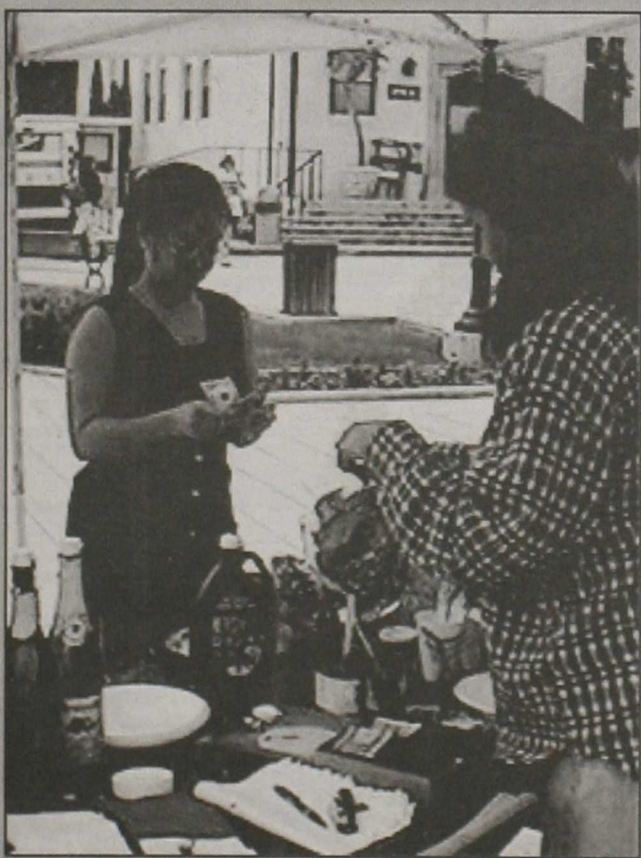
new outlook, and most importantly, a new spring cleaned you.

Remember, do not worry about being selfish where your well-being is concerned. Like the Italians say, "forget about it!"



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## Le Festival Francais



On November 24, 1997 the French Club held their fundraiser in the Chalon Circle. Crepes, apple cider and books written in French were among the products sold. (Photo by Moria Demby)

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Holiday Greetings  
from the  
Mount Community



To: Analu  
From: Donna

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Congratulations on your graduation! Good luck, Miss Anal CPA!!!

Love always,  
Donna

To: All the girls  
From: Maria Morales

Have a good break, and never forget our song, "That's what friends are for."

To: My Beloved Roomie  
From: Avygail

Have a very Merry Christmas! Thanx for a great semester of friendship and fun. Love ya! See ya next semester!

To:  
The Wellness  
House Ladies  
From:  
Lory Moran  
(Your friend and  
R.A)

I wish you the best holiday greetings and may God bless you!!  
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## An Editor's Goodbye

By Marla Ferguson  
Editor in Chief

I have the pleasure of graduating in December. Well, sometimes it isn't such a pleasure.

Unfortunately, with graduating I am leaving a big part of my life at Mount St. Mary's College behind—*The Oracle*. For the past five semesters I have enjoyed being the Editor in Chief of the student newspaper. The first semester *The Oracle* published, we began with a skeleton staff that had no experience. By last semester we had become a bimonthly newspaper, the first bimonthly newspaper the Mount has ever had. By the beginning of this semester the newspaper staff had doubled in size from that first semester. During my time at the Mount, I have truly had the opportunity to work with some of the most talented people on campus by working on the newspaper.

The staff of *The Oracle* has always wanted the newspaper to be for the students. Our desire has always been to bring infor-

mation to the student body and to offer a place where students can use their voices. The fact is that the *The Oracle* has far to go, but I am proud of how much it has grown. I hope that as the semesters progress so will the newspaper. I know that the newspaper is being left in the best of hands. As an alumna, I eagerly await the new changes that will make *The Oracle* the best that it has ever been.

I would like to thank all of those who have worked on the newspaper over the past five semesters; without their great ideas and hard work, the newspaper would not exist. I would also like to thank Dr. Jane Lingua, Jason Toney and Dr. Emily Langdon for their continued support and encouragement.

The Mount community has always supported *The Oracle*, and for that I have been thankful. I hope that support continues. I also would like to urge students to participate in making the newspaper the best it can be—write a letter to the editor, be a contributing writer, or better yet, join the staff. Believe me, it is worth it.

## Beyond Goodbye

## The Future of *The Oracle*

By Summer Cervantez  
Assistant Editor

When I first started writing for *The Oracle*, almost a year and a half ago, I was unsure about what sort of commitment I was getting into. I would see Marla running around like crazy and thought to myself, "Geez! Why would anybody do all this for no credit?!" Now it is clear to me why she did it and why I am looking forward to being Editor next semester.

What *The Oracle* represents to the Mount is a limitless opportunity for voice. Whether we write about issues concerning students, faculty, staff, or the entire Mount community, *The Oracle* provides a chance for everyone to be informed and to be heard. I too am proud of how far *The Oracle* has come, and want to share with everyone my vision of what to expect in the future.

One of the things people can expect to see is a continuing commitment to write stories and events

that happen at Doheny. If we truly are "two campuses with one mission" that should be reflected in the student newspaper.

And, along with a larger emphasis on Doheny, *The Oracle* is going to shake up the look and format of the paper. (I know, I know—enough purple already!) Look for new by-lines, new page headers and a new and more consistent layout.

In addition, readers can expect a larger emphasis on features and an expansion of our opinion section. Pick up *The Oracle* next semester for more movie reviews, music reviews and entertainment news.

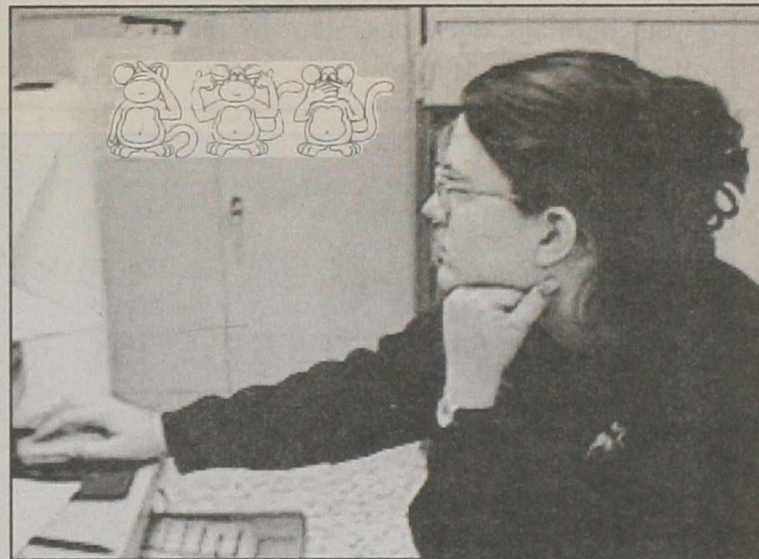
Finally, I would like to sincerely encourage anyone interested in any aspect of *The Oracle* to get in touch with us. Pick up your pens (or computer) and write or e-mail your **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**. We want to continually look toward the future and make *The Oracle* an even bigger success. See ya next semester!



## The Oracle says "SEE YA !" TO MARLA FERGSUON, EDITOR IN CHIEF

Here is Marla busily scrutinizing the paper for errors.

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Marla hard at work on the computer.

### A Letter to the Editor

Marla Ferguson, editor extraordinaire, it was just a little over two years ago that you joined the Mount family and embraced the challenge of creating a truly college-worthy student newspaper. You jumped into this challenge with both feet, assuming the position of Editor during your first semester. You took a fresh look at the whole paper. The format, the content, even the name of the newspaper, were up for your scrutiny. Your leadership resulted in a new look, a revitalized content and a name that more realistically reflected the breadth and diversity of our two-campus college. When the paper was reborn as *The Oracle*, we all knew that good things were on the way. I am proud of the new look and content of our student newspaper and I am proud of you. From my own personal perspective, you are a very special and unusual student. Because your mother and I grew up across the street from each other, I have known you your entire life. I am so glad that you came to the Mount, that you shared your gifts and talents so generously and have taken the time to teach others—both in the Learning Center and as editor. I wish you great success, Marla, and I thank you for all that you have contributed. You will always be a part of our Athenian family and of my own extended family as well. We will miss you!

Dr. Jane Lingua  
Vice President of Student Affairs

Here is Marla as she liked to be, sipping root beer!! Mmmm!



### The Arrow and The Song

I shot an arrow into the air,  
It fell to the earth, I knew not where;

For, so swiftly it flew, the sight  
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,  
It fell to earth, I know not where;  
For who has sight so keen and strong,  
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak  
I found the arrow, still unbroke;  
And the song, from beginning to end,  
I found again in the heart of friend.

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Good Luck!



## Chalon and Doheny Student News

If you are planning on graduating in December of this year, you need to be sure that you have completed the graduation process.

You should be receiving soon an invitation to the December Grad Breakfast. If you do not, you probably have not done everything you need to do to graduate. If you are unsure, contact the Registrar Office (310-954-4020) or Agnes Zelus, the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (310-954-4017) to find out your graduation status.

### ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS !

The time has come to apply for financial aid for the 1998-1999 academic year. In order to start the process, you will need to complete the Aid Renewal Request Form. These were mailed to your local address the week of November 3rd. If you have not received one, please stop by the office of Student Financing. You will also need to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). These will be available in our office after December 1st. There is only a limited number of funds available so please apply prior to March 1, 1998.

If you have any questions, stop by the office or call us at 310-954-4190.

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### Attention Adult Learners!!

Would you like to stay on-campus overnight during finals? M.A.S.T. (Mentoring Adult Students Together) has reserved 7 spaces in the Casa from December 7 through December 11 for commuter students. Cost is \$16 per night.

Space is available on a first come, first served basis. For more information, stop by the Learning Center in H207

### Doheny Christmas Open House

*The Annual Christmas Open House will be held on Sunday, December 7, from 2:00-4:00, in the Doheny Mansion. All students, faculty, administration and staff members are invited! This is a very special opportunity to see the mansion at its best and celebrate the Christmas Season with the Mount Community and the special friends of the College. Please bring your family and join us December 7!!*

### ISAE STUDENTS INVITED TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

WESTOP (the regional organization for TRIO/SSS programs) is sponsoring six \$300 scholarships for students enrolled in Southern California SSS programs. ISAE will be allowed to sponsor 2 students in the competition.

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IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A SECOND SEMESTER JUNIOR WHO IS PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN DECEMBER 1998 PLEASE SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE ADVISEMENT CENTER FOR JUNIOR YEAR GRADUATION CHECK. THIS GRADUATION CHECK WILL ALLOW YOU TO PLAN YOUR FINAL SEM F MIND - YOU WILL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT COURSES YOU HAVE LEFT TO TAKE! ALL APPOINTMENTS MUST BE SCHEDULED BEFORE THE END OF THIS SEMESTER. TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT STOP BY H203 OR CALL X 4146.

### To the MOUNT COMMUNITY,

We are getting close to the end of the semester and the end of 1997: Time to finish all those resolutions of helping out and contributing to your home, the earth!!! Give others the chance of giving thanks and counting down the last days of the year by donating food to them! The Feed The Homeless Project is always in need of food donations! Mount St. Marys students feed the homeless of Santa Monica every weekend after Sunday Mass. We pick up foods on Fridays! All departments, offices, classes, staff, clubs and students are encouraged to donate! Please call us at extension 4125 to donate!!

### CALLING ALL CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS !

The yearbook staff needs your help. Have you already taken a group picture of your club or organization? If so, please submit a copy of the photograph to Monica Lond, Yearbook Advisor, H200. Please identify all the members on the back of the photo. Help us meet our goal of including all MSMC clubs and organizations in the 1997-98 Athenian yearbook. Questions, please call 1-310-954-4136



# The Oracle

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## Reaping the Benefits of Carpooling

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

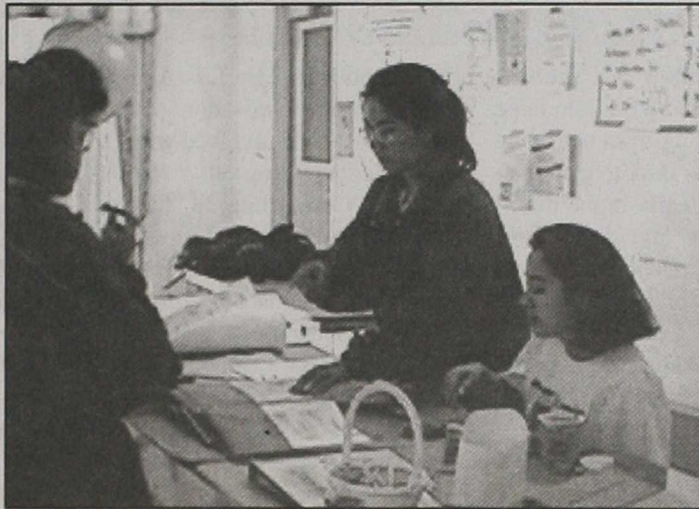
Tired of looking for parking spaces or of taking the bus to school everyday? Well, now your frustrations can come to an end because the Mount has started the Student Carpool Program.

According to the Mount's Student Carpool Program brochure, the purpose of the carpool program is to "reduce parking congestion on the Chalon campus in a way that is beneficial to everyone."

Marie Tanner, one of the program's coordinators said that the Student Carpool Program provides students with benefits such as reserved parking spaces on the fourth floor (this only applies to Commuters), reduced parking fees, discounts and a guaranteed ride home.

Students who are part of the carpool program receive a carpool permit, which one of the carpoolers must display along with a Mount parking decal in their window. Every carpooler receives a \$15 discount from the regular parking fee, and an extra \$15 is also added to their on-campus munch

money which each carpooler can use in the Deli. Tanner explained these benefits apply to both residents and commuters. In addition, students who carpool to campus have a guaranteed ride



Anna Intharathut and Sylvia Alvarado register interested students in the the Campus Center. (Photo by Moria Demby)

home in case they need to leave home due to an emergency. Students are reimbursed up to \$50 per ride and get three emergency rides per semester. The student, whether a resident or commuter needs to save the receipts, fill out a Guaranteed Ride Home form and turn it in to Student Affairs or Residence Life.

Although the Student Carpool

Program was initiated last fall, "students have responded really well," said Anna Intharathut who is a third year student and of the carpool program coordinators.

Intharathut continued, saying students do not have to pay any fees in order to become part of the carpool program, they just receive the benefits. In order for students to receive their benefits every semester, commuters must register their carpool every semester and carpool two or more times a week. Residents on the other hand, only have to carpool to campus once a week from home and also register their carpool every semester in order to receive the same benefits.

If anyone is interested in becoming part of the Student Carpool Program, forming a carpool or obtaining more information about the program, contact the Carpool coordinators—Marie Tanner, Anna Intharathut, Sylvia Alvarado and Sheryl Fayloga—or Student Affairs for more information. Students can also call the Carpool Hotline at (310) 954-4003 to get further assistance.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS for the Getty Center during the Month of February:

•February 11, 7:00pm

Getty Center Auditorium, The Getty Center Panel: Sites of Origin and Marketplaces of Identity: Part I Olvera Street Panelists: William Estrada, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument, Charles Briggs, University of California, San Diego, Diane Ghirardo, University of Southern California

Reservations are required; please call (310) 440-7300

•February 18, 7:00pm

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## The Long Awaited Opening of The Getty Center

By Norma Marquez  
Staff Writer

Where can you experience breath taking views of the L.A. area and still have the opportunity to observe European paintings, decorative arts and many more priceless works of art?

Your answer is sitting on a hilltop in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles, overlooking a gorgeous view of the Los Angeles area, the Santa Monica Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. The answer is also visible from the Mount. It is the J. Paul Getty Center. The Getty was opened to the public in December of 1997 after years of construction. The Getty was designed by architect Richard Meier and is under the direction of John Walsh Jr.

The Getty is, in and of itself, a work of art, since it provides a dining area, beautiful, tranquil gardens, an information desk where you can view an orientation film, activities for the whole family, a gift shop, attractive fountains, reflecting pools and of course all of the masterpieces within its walls. Once

you enter the museum you will find fourteen galleries of French furniture, four 18th century paneled rooms, paintings by: Rembrandt, Monet, Renoir, Cezanne, Vincent Van Gogh, Michelangelo drawings, and much much more. Many of the



A view of the Getty Center as seen from the Mount. (Photo by Moria Demby)

collections that the Getty houses came from the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu which was closed in July of 1997. The Getty Museum in Malibu will re-open its doors in 2001.

In addition, the Getty houses various

organizations of the J. Paul Getty Trust: the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Getty Research Institute for the History of Art and the Humanities, the Getty Conservation Institute, the Getty Education Institute for the Arts, the Getty Information Institute and the Getty Grant Program.

According to the Getty Education Institute for the Arts, "The Getty Center promises to bring the arts to new audiences throughout the nation with programs devoted to arts education, art and cultural heritage, scholarship, and conservation."

The Getty is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to the Getty is free, but a \$5 parking fee and advance parking reservations are required.

According to Bill Lasarow who has written about the Getty's development, "The people will come, and many will be affected, a few profoundly."



## The Career Center Has A New Face: Kimberly Mosby

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

A new year, a new semester, and with that brings new faces. Many of you might be wondering who the new face in the Career Center belongs to. Well, Kimberly Mosby's the name and getting students internships is her aim.



Kimberly Mosby, a new member of the Mount community. (Photo by Moria Demby)

A 1994 graduate from Stephens, another all-women's college, Mosby earned her Masters of Arts in Education from Western Kentucky University. She has also had four years experience in Student Affairs Services, including residence life and alumni relations.

A firm believer in women's education, Mosby's main message is to stress the importance of having practical work experience before graduation. She

hopes that Mount students will see internships as an "area of leadership that they can excel in."

How does she plan to do this? Mosby explains that the first step is to "bring students to a level of awareness of internships" and through this she can communicate the importance and need of internships and the impact that it will have.

Mosby hopes to build upon the already reputable credibility of Mount students in the work place.

Overall, Mosby is looking forward to her stay at the Mount. She adds that "everyone has been helpful and friendly" and she enjoys the "open lines of communication that come from being in a small school atmosphere."

## The Accomplishments, Dreams, and Life of a Young Mother

By Josie Garcia  
Copy Editor

Many students go to class with homework, tests, or last night's party on their minds. Aimee Tobias, a third year student, has much more on her mind than that. Aside from being a full-time commuter student, she is also a student ambassador, a volunteer at a district attorney's office, and a mother of a soon-to-be two year old son.

In her first year of college, Tobias had to deal with something other than the stresses of school—her pregnancy. Although many people did not know that she was pregnant, Tobias did have to cope with things ranging from not being able to fit into her desk to having to be in class from early in the morning until early evening. Still, Tobias was optimistic throughout those times, "I don't really think it was an obstacle at all for me. I just accepted it and kept going on and on." Tobias maintained a 3.0 grade point average throughout her pregnancy by having a strong sense of determination, and with the help of her professors, "I was very blessed because [the professors] worked with me by mailing assignments to me," Tobias recalls.

Tobias, who is double majoring in English and Political

Science, is currently taking 16 units. She also travels to Garfield



Aimee Tobias, a third year English major and a mother. (Photo by Moria Demby)

High School in East Los Angeles as a student ambassador. When asked why she is involved with the Ambassador program, Tobias replied, "Outreaching to students, those who are in target areas, and playing a part in someone's life to go to college, is just something that caught my attention."

While being an ambassador on campus, Tobias volunteers her time with the City of Industry's district attorney. With this experience, and her education, Tobias hopes to attend law school, become a lawyer, and eventually become a judge. Her career goal is due in part to the influence of her uncle and aunts, all of whom are in the legal profession, and due to a

"want of contributing to the community, especially the Latino one."

Tobias describes her main objective in her life, "I wanted to prove to myself, and to my family, that I was going to do something more than anyone had done before." The sacrifices that Tobias' parents have made for her, by sending her to a private high school and college and supporting her, "has helped me to accomplish as much as I have today." Along with her parents, Tobias credits her teachers with inspiring her, "I've been blessed, I've had good teachers from kindergarten to now. Teachers really are important in a child's and person's education."

Being so involved with school, raising a child, and having a job, Tobias' free time is rare. When she does have free time, Tobias enjoys spending time with her son and parents. Family is a thing that she holds very dear to her. But whether Tobias is volunteering or taking a moment to relax, she remains focused on graduating from college, "This is something that I need to do for myself, that I've always wanted to do. And I have to accomplish it, no matter what."

\*If you know of a member of the Mount Community who deserves acknowledgement, let us know.

## Mount News Flash

Do you realize that summer is just around the corner? What will you do this summer? Want a job that is fun, exciting and will help someone? Then consider working at a summer camp. Positions are available throughout the U.S. for residential camps and in the Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties for day camps. Positions range from camp counselors to activity directors, lifeguards, and more. Many camps have application deadlines in January or February. Stop by the Career Center, H200A, for more information on these and other opportunities.

Interested in a summer job but don't want to work at a camp? The Career Center also has information on variety of summer jobs including government agencies and resorts.

Other summer jobs opportunities can be found on the following website:  
[www.greatsummerjobs.com](http://www.greatsummerjobs.com)

Career Planning, Alumnae Relations, the African-American Council of Women and the African-American Alumnae Network are sponsoring an Alumnae Career Dinner Panel on Tuesday, February 14 in Hannon Parlor at 5:30 p.m.

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TAKE NOTE!!! Sign ups for "Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk" on 3/29/98 will begin at the ISAE SPRING FLING on 2/1/98!!! Those attending the SPRING FLING will receive first priority on tickets.

**Religious Leaders Discuss How Media Portrays Religion**  
Free Panel at Mount St. Mary's College

\* Jewish, Muslim and Catholic leaders will discuss "Religion as Seen In and Through the Media" from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Lecture Hall at Mount St. Mary's College, 12001 Chalon Rd., in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles. The public is invited to the free panel discussion.

Guest speakers will include Cathy Siegel, host of the Television Network program "Beyond the Headlines," Dr. Laila Al-Marayati, an obstetrician-gynecologist, and Sr. Gretchen Hailer, R.S.H.M., author of *Believing in a Media Culture*.

The program is sponsored by a grant from the friends of Monsignor Royale Vadakin, trustee of Mount St. Mary's College and pastor of St. Anastasia's Roman Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

For more information, call Dr. Marie Egan, chair of religious studies at Mount St. Mary's College, (310) 954-4165.

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# Mount Students Rent Seats at the Ahmanson

By Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writer

*Rent* is a musical production that played at the Ahmanson Theater, and many ISAE students had the privilege to attend on Friday, January 16, 1998. This musical has won major awards including the 1996 Tony Award for Best Musical, as well as the Pulitzer Prize. *Rent* is said to capture the heart and spirit of a generation.

Wendy Quintero, a fourth year student, said that since she had never been to a musical, she did not know what to expect. However, she confessed that the musical was interesting because there were important issues brought out, such as homosexuality and homelessness. She liked the fact that these type of issues were part of the play because the musical evoked the power to help the audience be more understanding. Quintero's favorite part of the play was where Angel, a homosexual, dies. When Angel dies, his friends realized how much he stressed the importance of unity between them.



The Company in a scene from *Rent*, the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning musical; starring Neil Patrick Harris. (Photo by Joan Marcus, courtesy of the Ahmanson Theatre)

Anacani Torres Solis, a fourth year student, also attended the production. Solis, like Quintero, did not know what to expect because she had never been to a musical in the U.S. Since she had only seen musicals in

Mexico, she found the experience was not quite the same. "The theme of the story was interesting to me more than the music," said Solis. She recommends everyone to see it, especially those who like contemporary alternative rock. Her favorite part of the play was where all the actors sang together. If she had the opportunity to see *Rent* again, she would not see it because it was not one of her favorites.

Wendy Galvan, a fourth year student, said she had seen two musicals, *Kiss by the Spiderwoman* and *Rent*. Her favorite was *Rent*. Although she found the play interesting, she felt there were some unnecessary scenes. For example, when one of the actors "mooned" the audience. "It would depend who the person is to recommend it to...I know some of my friends who would not want to see it," said Galvan. Galvan's favorite part of the play was the ending. "The ending was one of the moments of togetherness and happiness," Galvan concluded.

Unfortunately, *Rent* is no longer playing in Los Angeles, but there are other excellent musicals that will open soon such as *Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk* starting March 4 to April 26 and *Chicago* beginning on April 29 to July 5.

## Just A Sinking Ship? A closer look at *Titanic*

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

Tears, joy and anger are the feelings that compose what could be considered the movie of the year, *Titanic*. *Titanic*, stars Leonardo DiCaprio, the popular young actor of the 1996 version of *Romeo and Juliet*. The movie is filled with emotions that are sure to make tears roll down the audiences' cheeks once in a while.

The movie portrays the story of the "unsinkable" ship, *Titanic*, which made its historical voyage in April 1912. The film also emphasizes the love story between a couple, Jack Dawson (DiCaprio), and Rose who is played by co-star, Kate Winslet. The story begins when Jack Dawson wins a pair of tickets while playing cards to go back home to "America" on the "biggest ship-of the world."

*Titanic* revealed the true injustices that were going on in those days, such as discrimination of the upper class towards the lower classes. These kind of injustices can be seen when Jack wants to help Rose from not jumping off the ship and committing suicide. He is able to stop her from jumping and is found on top of her by a policeman; what suspicions come about this, we all can imagine. He is accused of assault and is about to be charged when Rose speaks up and defends him. But, one of the examples of injustice that truly broke my heart was towards the end of the movie, when the ship began to sink. Tears started rolling down my eyes when the only people who were being saved first was the upper class. The lower class was locked in their floor and was not "freed" until the upper class had left their rooms.

The film

also focuses on the contrast of the living conditions between the upper and lower classes. The upper class had the upper floors which came along with

servants, waiters, escorts, music and silver dishes, which were used in their luxurious dinners. The lower classes on the other hand, stayed in the lower levels. Their package came along with small, overcrowded rooms and rats. The difference was so noticeable that when Jack is invited to eat with Rose, her mother, and her fiancée, her fiancée tries to make his Jack's night miserable by bringing up conversations that he knows Jack will not be able to follow. But, with the help of Kathy Bates who plays "the unsinkable Molly Brown," Jack is able to make that night an unforgettable one.

*Titanic* uniquely portrays the reality and fiction about what happened the night the *Titanic* sunk. It made me realize the ignorance of having social classes, because in situations like the *Titanic* sinking it has the possibility to unnecessarily change and destroy the life of many. I would definitely recommend *Titanic* to those who have not seen it, which I think are few, and if I had the opportunity to see it again, I would. One question that one might ask oneself at the end could be was if women and children were really first off the ship?



Look for another point of view on *Titanic* in the February 17 issue of **The Oracle**. If you have comments on *Titanic* let us know what they are. Write to us or email your ideas...

## Community Happenings: Upcoming events in the Arts

- The nation's leading folk art and crafts show returns to Fairplex 5 and 8 on February 27 through March 1. The Country Folk Art Show and Sale features quality, handcrafted folk arts crafted by artisans from across the nation and Canada. For more information call (909) 623-3111 or visit <http://www.fairplex.com>.

- Fullerton Civic Light Opera will open its 1998 and 26th annual season with "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" with music and lyrics by Meredith Wilson and a book by Richard Morris. The rare musical will play February 13 through March 1 at the historic Plummer Auditorium, 201 East Chapman Avenue, in Fullerton.

This is a story of the trials, tribulations and victories of Molly Brown, an indomitable lady who went from the Missouri backwoods to the shining palaces of faraway Europe. She was the

personification of the American spirit, eventually winning over even the snooty "beautiful people" of Denver. Johnny Brown lost his heart to her as well as several fortunes. Even the *Titanic* couldn't sink Molly Brown! For more information call (714) 879-1732.

- An entire weekend of International dance, music, instruction and entertainment will be offered by the Laguna Folk Dancers on February 6 to 8. This annual event will be held at 2000 Cliff Drive, Newport Beach. All are welcome. There is something for everyone; active dancer or observer, child or adult, with or without a partner. A variety of dances for couples, singles and groups will be taught and danced throughout the weekend. Experience is not a prerequisite. Soft soled shoes are requested. Parking is ample. For details and registration forms call (714) 533-8667.



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# A Closer Look at Date Rape Drugs

By Joan Fletcher and Summer Cervantez  
Assistant Editor and Editor

Date rape has increasingly become a concern for women in our society. There are now many date rape drugs that can be used to make a person helpless. One of the most common drugs is Rophynol.

Rophynol, also called Flunitrazepam, is odorless, tasteless, and colorless. It is commonly known as "Roofies," "R-2," "Roaches," "La Rocha," "Rophies," "Rib," "Rope," and "the forget Pill."

Rophynol is a tranquilizer, similar in nature to valium, but it is about 10 times stronger. The drug produces a sedative effect, amnesia, muscle relaxation, and a slowing of psychomotor responses. Sedation occurs 20-30 minutes after administration and lasts for several hours.

Rophynol is most commonly found on college campuses and at frat parties. According to police sources in both Florida and Texas, rophynol was first seen being used in the early 1990's and quickly gained popularity. According to the U.S. Department of Drug Enforcement Administration in 1995 more than 1000 cases of illegal Rophynol possession have been reported, in 27 states.

Rophynol is relatively inexpensive, selling at street prices ranging from \$2 to \$4 per pill. Once bought rophynol is often

combined with alcohol, marijuana or cocaine to produce a rapid and very dramatic "high," or to produce unconsciousness at higher doses.

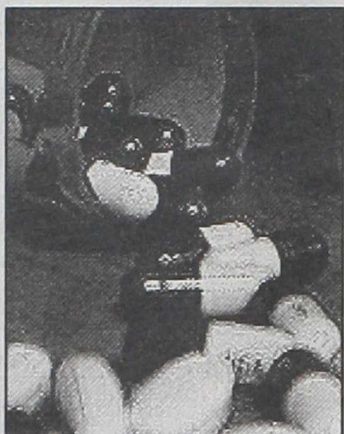
Other drugs commonly used with Rophynol are Ketamine and Versed. When these are mixed with Rophynol, they create intensified effects and the mixtures are described as "a rapist's delight."

Police departments in several parts of the county report young women who wake up in with no clothes on, finding themselves in unfamiliar surroundings with unfamiliar people, and realize they have been sexually assaulted, even though they may have no recollection of the actual act. This amnesia producing effect makes investigation of rape or sexual

assault difficult to prove and prosecute.

The dangers of Rophynol do not stop there. Rophynol can also cause respiratory depression, aspiration and death, particularly when they are mixed with other drugs. It is physically and psychologically addicting, and addiction increases with dose and duration of use.

High school, college students and particularly women should make themselves aware of Rophynol's street names, aspirin like appearance and dangerous effects.



(Photo by Summer Cervantez)

## THE DANGERS OF GHB

GHB, or gamma-hydroxy-butyrate, was initially developed as an alternative analgesic to be used for surgery and medical operations. Due to its unpredictable qualities it was soon banned in the U.S. in 1991, but it is illegally smuggled into the country for use as a date rape drug. It is odorless, tasteless and is distributed in a white powder or clear liquid. It can be made from ingredients found around the home, and some internet sites even give out the recipe. Like Rophynol it can easily be mixed into drinks, and a drink most commonly mixed with GHB is Goldschlager. Its effects can be serious, causing anything from a "high," unconsciousness, tremors, seizures, and death. It is commonly called "cherry meth," "liquid X," and "liquid ecstasy." Like Rophynol, GHB is common at parties and raves. GHB is a concern not only for women at parties, but for the men who may accompany their dates and/or girlfriends. Just recently in the Santa Barbara area men reported being drugged so that they passed out and could do nothing to help defend or protect the women they were with.



Date rape drugs come in all packages and sizes. Amazingly, some date rape drugs can even be made from everyday household items. It is up to you to be aware of the ill effects date rape drugs can have on you. (Photo by Moria Demby)

## COULD THIS BE YOU?!

You and your friends show up at the hottest party in town and immediately the finest guy in the room comes up to you and starts to chat. Everything is going great and he asks you if you would like something to drink. You say yes and a few minutes later he comes back with your drink. Unsuspecting, you drink it.

Twenty minutes later, you are feeling dizzy and disoriented. You decide to find your friends and tell them you want to leave. But, you are not feeling well and the guy keeps distracting you, moving you away from your friends and into a more secluded part of the house. You know something is wrong, but are too disoriented to even walk or speak clearly.

You become increasingly impaired and eventually you pass out. The next morning you wake up and all you can remember is when you first met the guy. You have no idea if you have been raped and your confusion quickly turns into fear...

For thousands of women and some men, this scenario has been played out at countless parties and raves. One woman from Southern California, who had been a victim of rape in combination with GHB, did not realize it until the police contacted her almost a year later, asking her to identify herself in a photo where she was clearly unconscious and being sexually assaulted.



## How to Prevent Being A Victim of Drug Associated Date Rape

- At parties, avoid drinks served in open glasses or closed containers that are opened by another person.
- If you are at a bar, do not accept a drink from someone who may have had an opportunity to be alone with your drink and alter it.
- Wherever you are, keep a close watch on your drink to ensure that no one slips anything into it. Do not walk away from your drink and then come back to it. Do not ask anyone else to hold your drink or hand your drink to you.
- Going out or to parties with a group of good friends you can trust is another suggestion. You and your friends should keep an eye on each other and watch for signs of drugging. If you suspect you or a friend has been drugged, immediately leave the party and contact the police and emergency medical services. Never leave your friend alone at a party, especially when you are at a party with a lot of new faces.
- **INFORM YOURSELF!!** Know what the drugs are that are most commonly associated with date rape, know what they look like, what types of alcohol or drugs they are commonly used with, and the possible effects of a unsuspected overdose.







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# Political Palaver

## The Introduction of View



By Joyce Liu  
Liberal At Large

So I'm in the Body Shop buying some postcards to send to a few of my friends. The young woman at the counter hands me my postcards in a bag that reads, "The job of a citizen is to keep his mouth open." I smile to myself as I join my mom outside. It's nice to know that there are other people out there who share my beliefs.

Hi! My name is Joyce Liu



By Kate Hartsfield  
Right Wing Correspondent

In my 27 years I have gone from one end of the political spectrum to the other. In high school I actually marched in opposition to the U.S. involvement in Central America, and

and I'm a first year student at the Mount. I am double majoring in English and Art, with a Women's Studies minor. I am actively involved in the Debate Society, Amnesty International and W.A.K.E. UP. My thoughts reflect what I believe to be justified and true. I often find myself discussing various points of view with others, debating over issues for the sake of realizing who makes more sense. Whether for political or personal reasons, I am constantly searching for the truth.

I see the world with my mind and understand it with my heart. However, sometimes, no matter how hard I try, I still can't understand a great deal of what happens in our world. At times, it seems as if the very people I try to understand turn against me—or rather, they turn against humanity—by failing to understand a different point of view

one of my favorite pastimes was chastising a classmate of mine for being a member of the Young Republicans.

As an adult, I proudly served in the U. S. Army. My final conversion over to the right came with the birth of my son in 1992. I looked at the world around me and saw a lot was wrong with it. Out of concern for my son, I began to read up on issues, and began to form opinions.

My interest in world events lead me to study political science. I am currently a junior in my second year at the Mount, and I am looking forward to law school.

I have worked with M.A.S.T. (Mentoring Adult

other than their own. This is not only discouraging, but sad as well. Yet, I continue to try and understand what happens in our world, and I continue to play a part in defending what is both true and justified.

In the Random House Webster's College Dictionary, the following definitions for the term *liberal* are given: pertaining to, based on, or having views or policies advocating individual freedom of action and expression; free from prejudice or bigotry, tolerant; open-minded. If you ever challenge me to a game of pinball, you'd soon realize that I fall into this category. One more thing, if you find yourself feeling strongly about something as an effect of my writing, please send me a letter. I'd love to receive feedback. It's like the phrase on this Benetton t-shirt I once bought, "We Are Together."

Students Together) and the French Club. I was recently selected to represent the Mount as a student ambassador.

In a number of my classes I have had fellow students mention that they had never looked at an issue from my point of view. Some have decided they agree with me, some haven't. Either way, I was able to make them think about it.

My goal in writing this column is to give you, the reader, something to think about. My mother used to tell me that when I stopped questioning, I'd stop growing. I don't think I'm ready to stop growing, so I continue to question. I hope you will join me.

## Editorial Bits

Many students who attend small colleges have constant problems with the campus bookstore. Some students question if they are really getting the best service possible.

Often, bookstores on small campuses are part of a large chain, but are not treated that way. It seems like they commonly think that they can up the prices on books just because they operate at a small college. Maybe they think the students have no other choice and will have to buy from them. As a result, students often find books priced far too high above the suggested retail price located on the front of the book. To add to the problem, the books are often inconsistently priced. As Mount students have experienced, the same book will be \$62 for one student, \$55 to a different student, and yet another may receive the book for \$45.

This year, Mount students are continuing to have the same bookstore problems that are found on most small campuses. Some students find themselves STILL waiting for their books, as we head into the fourth week of school. Other students find unfairly priced books at our bookstore, prices high over the price other bookstores, like UCLA, may charge.

Students should stand up for their rights to fair prices by exploring their options. No one HAS to buy from any one bookstore. We all have a choice! If students express their disgust with unfairly priced books and then go elsewhere to buy their books, they will find that the bookstore will lower its prices to a more agreeable level in response to the competition. The problem with small college bookstores is that they have no competition. Students in this situation need to exercise their consumer power and let their opinions be known.

Every student has many options. For example, they can go to a large university to buy their books or to a large bookstore such as Crown or B. Dalton. Other students find the internet bookstores a better deal. Whatever your choice, stand up for your rights and refuse to be cheated!

## Letters to the Editor

### Kudos to the College Administration Staff

So often, in today's society, we find plenty of time to complain or protest, but very rarely do we take the time to say "thank you," or "great job." As a member of the graduating class of 1998, the resident community, and a student at large, I am taking this opportunity to say, "Job Well Done!" and "Thank You!" to the administrative staff of the Chalon Campus.

Last semester heralded many changes here at the Mount and with those changes came many bugs, (no pun intended), that needed to be ironed out. The student body was hurt, frustrated, and finally angry. As responsible young adults, we held forums to air our views and discuss possible solutions. First there was the technology forum, which was an unparalleled success with the resident student body coming together in one voice. Not every individual concern was addressed, but the administration worked hard to come to, what appears to be, an amicable compromise. Then there was

the crisis in Food Services. This time, the administration called a forum and we were allowed to vent our feelings. Many steps have been taken to ensure against a reoccurrence of that type. Many visible efforts to improve the cafeteria conditions, from food to service, have been made. Residence Life did its part to combat the roach infestation by fumigating immediately after we left for winter break. And, just when we thought the dust was settling, came the graduation situation. The responses to those concerns were rapid and effective. Once more, the administration demonstrated its concern for student happiness and student life.

Many people worked hard on both sides. Students, like Cristina Solis, Lilly Legra, Jenny Hernandez, Sonali Perera, and myself worked on various angles to voice student concerns. We had endless support from many faculty members that read and reread our letters, checked and double checked our facts, and cheered us on like beaming parents. The student body

stood up and voiced their opinion once they were given a forum to do so. They gave their input for the letters, signed petitions, and showed up at the appointed hour. We could have never gotten anywhere without them. Finally, the administration bared the blunt of the blame, graciously listened to the sometimes highly emotional complaints, and worked tirelessly to find compromises and solutions to students' concerns. Most importantly, everyone within the Mount Community worked the way a community is supposed to work as it grows and changes, together toward a solution, even when sometimes it felt as if the wheels were not turning.

As a graduating senior, I am proud to say that I was a part of it, and that I was here to witness it. I can say my Alma Mater cares about her students and it is evident that her students care about her. Thank You.

Dianne M. Stewart  
Class of 1998  
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## She Said



"XXX Rated Womyn!!!" How many times have you been online looking for information and have seen these words, or something even worse? The internet has become a mecca of perversion for males of all races, ages and socioeconomic classes. On the internet, or in chat rooms, the main topic is sex, rape, abuse and violence towards womyn or young girls. It has become very popular to depict womyn as weak, easily persuaded and easy.

Why has it been accepted by today's society to portray womyn as sex objects? Because no one has stopped this, it has become a societal dilemma. The fact that pornographic pictures, videos and live sexual acts are commonplace on the internet is a major disappointment. Type in "Adult Virtual Cards," and you can see and read almost anything online.

What is this teaching our children? It would seem that we are telling our children do as I say, not as I do or "It's not O.K.

for you to be online, but it is O.K. if I am online watching pornographic material." Why not just give them access to an XXX rated movie and say here, ENJOY! Why are we furthering the negativity we as womyn are faced with everyday?

It appears it has become common practice for womyn to be regarded as sexual objects, who are here on earth only to satisfy mens' needs. It is time for womyn not to be portrayed as easy, cheap, or trampish, but as human beings.

Is it so hard to recognize womyn for the good things they do and not only as a "good time"? There truly needs to be equality for all, especially in today's society.

The internet has the potential to be important in the improvement of womyn's lives, but not if at the same time they are getting abused online. All of this poses an interesting question—what are we going to do about the negative portrayals of womyn online?

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# Black History Month

By Joan Fletcher  
Assistant Editor

In 1926, historian Carter G. Woodson introduced the idea of having a Black History Week to celebrate the achievements of African-Americans. The second week in February was chosen as Black History Month because the birthdays of Frederick Douglas (February 14, 1817) and President Abraham Lincoln (February 12, 1809) fell within this week.

Woodson's idea was to have a week of remembrance and celebration that would foster a greater sense of pride among African-Americans and an increased knowledge among whites.

In 1970, after 50 years of annual celebration, Black History Week was expanded to a month to allow more time for programs and celebration. Black History Month is a time to increase our awareness and knowledge of the contributions of African-Americans in our society. During this month many historical leaders are recognized for their contributions to history.

Many African-American women made significant contributions to our history. Some more well-known figures include Harriet Tubman, who helped lead the Underground Railroad; Harriet Beecher Stowe, the writer of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; Madame C. J. Walker, the first African-American woman millionaire and one of first women to own a nationally known company; and Sojourner Truth, a famous abolitionist and writer.

Though these are the women most widely recognized for their achievements, there are other women who have also made significant contributions, but are less well-known. The writings of many African-American women have made significant improvements in the society we live in.



One great African-American writer is **Maya Angelou**. Angelou was born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis, Missouri. She lived with her grandmother for the majority of her childhood and then moved in with her mother in San Francisco after graduating from Lafayette County Training School in 1940. When she was only 16 years old,

she graduated from high school and gave birth to a son named Guy. Soon she began working, and was employed as a cook and waitress until the 1950's, when she became a nightclub performer. She has also been a singer, dancer, actor, playwright, magazine editor, civil rights activist, poet and novelist. She is best known as an author who portrays strong African-American women. Her writing often stresses themes of courage, perseverance, self-acceptance, and realization of one's full potential.

#### Books of poetry by Maya Angelou:

- *Just Give me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Die* (1971)
- *Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well* (1975)
- *And Still I Rise* (1978)
- *Shaker, Why Don't You Sing?* (1983)
- *Now Sheba Sings the Song* (1987)
- *I Shall Not Be Moved* (1990)
- *Phenomenal Woman* (1994)

#### Novels written by Maya Angelou:

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1970)
- *Gather Together in My Name* (1974)
- *Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry Like Christmas* (1976)
- *The Heart of a Woman* (1981)
- *All of God's Children Need Traveling Shoes* (1986)

Angelou also had the opportunity to read one of her poems, "On the Pulse of Morning," at President Clinton's inauguration in January of 1993. She has received many awards and honorary degrees. In 1994, and again in 1996, she received

Grammy Awards for recordings of her poetry on the albums *On the Pulse of Morning* (1993), and *Phenomenal Woman* (1995).

In addition to her many books and poems, Angelou has compiled a book of inspirational meditations that focus on life. It is titled *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey* and was published in 1993.

Another inspirational writer is **Toni Morrison**. Morrison was born in 1931 in Lorain, Ohio. She was christened Chloe Anthony Wofford. She attended Howard University in 1949 and received her Masters in English at Cornell University in 1955. She taught at Texas Southern University from 1955 to 1957 and at Howard from 1957 to 1964. She met Harold Morrison, a Jamaican architect while teaching at



Howard. They had two children together and then divorced in 1964. She started writing fiction while teaching at Howard.

After teaching at Howard, Morrison became an editor at Random House and published her first novel, *The Bluest Eye* in 1970. Morrison received the Pulitzer Prize in 1988 for *Beloved*, which many consider to be her best book. In 1993, she received the Nobel Prize in Literature.

#### Novels written by Toni Morrison:

- *The Bluest Eye* (1970)
- *Sula* (1973)
- *Song of Solomon* (1977)
- *Tar Baby* (1981)
- *Beloved* (1987)
- *Jazz* (1992)
- *Playing in the Park: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination* (1992)

**Zora Neale Hurston** was born around 1901 in Eatonville, Florida, the first incorporated all-black town in the U.S. She was educated at Howard University, Barnard College, and Columbia University. She is best known as an American writer and folklorist. Her anthropological study of her racial heritage influenced the Harlem Renaissance writers in the 1930's and later authors such as Ralph Ellison, Alice Walker, and Toni Morrison.

Hurston is a writer of fiction who is noted for her metaphorical language, story-telling abilities, and interest in Southern black culture in the U.S. She addressed issues of race and gender and often related them to the search for freedom. She died impoverished and unrecognized by the literary community in 1960. Her writings were rediscovered in the 1970's by a new generation of writers. It was around this time that many of her works were republished. In 1995, a two-volume set of her writings, which included many unpublished works, was released.

There are many other African-American novelists whose works are worth looking into. A few great authors are Terry McMillan, Alice Walker, and Sonia Sanchez. These women play an important role in the development of both black history and U.S. history. Their writings can teach us all something.

#### Novels written by Zora Neale Hurston:

- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1937)
- *Jonah's Gourd Vine* (1934)

#### Short stories, plays, journal articles:

- *Seraph on the Swanee* (1948)

#### Autobiography:

- *Dust Tracks on a Road* (1942)

#### Mount Events for Black History Month:

- February 2:** Opening Ceremonies  
Circle at 11 am
- February 4:** Soul Food Sale  
Circle from 11 am to 2 pm
- February 11:** African Marketplace  
Circle from 9 am to 5 pm
- February 25:** Tuskegee Airmen  
Lecture Hall at 7 pm



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## Students Voice Concerns Over Spanish

By Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writer

Recently many students have voiced complaints about the Department of Modern Languages. Most of the concerns that have been expressed are concerns about the Spanish program.

Concerns include: the limitations on some important classes, the class size of writing labs, the hiring of professors that lack knowledge of course content, and the high turnover rate of both full-time and part-time professors.

As a result, students united and organized a meeting with Dr. Michele Fine, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages, and Dr. Jacqueline Doud, the Academic Vice President. Students had the opportunity to present an address which detailed all the concerns.

One specific concern is that a class on Cervantes, who is known as the father of Spanish literature, is not a requirement for a Spanish degree. Instead, the class is listed as an elective. Subsequently, the class was not offered this academic year, as it had been promised.

Another worry is Spanish 109, a writing lab. This class is important because its foundational status offers necessary knowledge to precede to upper level courses.

Currently the lab has over twenty students enrolled. The maximum class size for a writing lab should be fifteen.

The turnover of professors is also creating negative feedback. Students feel they cannot establish a solid relationship with any one professor. A second year Spanish student expressed, "In four consecutive

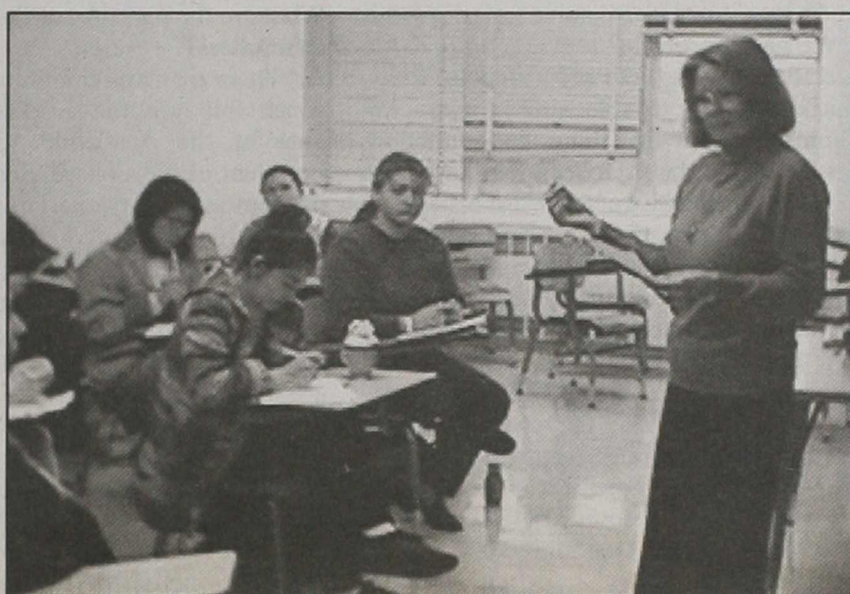
in Spanish Linguistics. Instead of learning the course content I learned about bilingual education." She was disappointed because she feels this missed knowledge was crucial to her career as a future teacher, especially since she plans to work within the Spanish speaking community.

Another third year Spanish student expressed that she has not been challenged by her Spanish professors. "When I took a Spanish course last semester, it gave me a very bad impression of the college's Spanish Program. Currently, I am enrolled in a Spanish class that has not proven to me the contrary," commented the student, who asked to remain anonymous.

Fine and Doud, at the meeting, attempted to explain the reasons for these occurrences. "The department is small, composed of approximately fifteen majors; therefore, it is difficult

to plan classes because some students sometimes decide not to continue," said Fine. She added, "It is impossible to predict the turnout of students for a specific class."

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Dr. Michele Fine, seen here teaching a French class, has been meeting with students in an effort to hear how students feel about the Mount's Spanish program. (Photo by Moria Demby)

semesters I have not had the same teacher...that affects me, because I cannot form a relationship where I feel comfortable asking the professor a question."

Liliana Madrigal, a fourth year student, remarked, "Last semester I enrolled

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## Defining the Role of Student Health Services

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

Health Services. Their mission? They believe it is "to provide high quality physical and mental health services and health education programming through the collaborative efforts of professional providers and community-based service agents," according to a Health Services brochure.

Still, some students seem to be unclear about the role Health Services is intended to play. Fourth year student, Sasha Lopez feels that Health Services "needs to let students know exactly what services are available to us." She questions how students, unknowing of what is being offered, will go and get the help they may need.

So, what services are available to Mount students? Arleen Fernandez, Director of Health Services, explains, "We are staffed by physicians from Santa Monica/UCLA Practice Group and we work closely with students in terms of educating them in health care to promote a positive, healthy lifestyle." Counseling and lab

tests services are also available.

Fernandez emphasized that "as a regular full-time student you have access to Health Services no matter what insurance you have. Services are for everybody, no students are turned away."

Other students have raised questions as to what Health Services is doing to promote birth control. One third year student, who wishes to remain anonymous, believes Health Services needs to offer some form of birth control. She reveals that, despite the fact that this is a Catholic college, "I would at least want the option of having these services offered to me." Lopez was in agreement. "This [provision of birth control] is important and should be offered at the Mount," Lopez added.

Fernandez offered an explanation in response. "We are a Catholic university and because we respect the teachings and guidelines of the Catholic church, we can not provide these services." But she does want to let students know "we are informational." If any students have any concerns about birth con-

trol, Health Services will provide them with information. As far as the birth control issue is concerned, Fernandez does not see any change regarding this policy anytime in the near future.

Rosita Brennan, a fourth year student, questions the efficiency of Health Services. Last semester she had an asthma attack and went to Health Services for help. "The office manager just sat there for over 15 minutes, talking on the phone. Pretty soon I couldn't take it anymore and I left," Brennan commented. Brennan does not feel that it was fair that she had to go to her own doctor when Health Services should have been there to help her.

Lopez shared a similar experience. "I had a real bad ear infection and I went to Health Services to get help. The whole process of me telling them what was wrong and waiting for them to do something about it took so long that I left, and never went back again."

When asked about these incidents Fernandez was apologetic, but wants to note "not all our staff are doctors or nurses and it would be difficult for them [student workers, untrained workers] to recognize if there was a problem."

Fernandez believes "considerable improvements have been made throughout the whole department." There is an instituted policy where students who are injured are evaluated immediately. Fernandez adds that there has been an increased emphasis in customer service and in reiterating the importance of making the customer their number one priority.

Fernandez concluded, urging all students to come in if they are sick and not to be afraid of they will be turned away.



Health Services, committed to helping students, faces the challenge of letting students know how they can be of service. (Photo by Moria Demby)



# Want to Know More About the Academic Details At The Mount? Ask Dr. Doud

Questions Compiled by  
Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writer



(Photo by  
Moria Demby)

**Q:** What is your official title and position? Can you please describe your position?  
**A:** Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty is my title. I am the chief academic officer of Mount St. Mary's College, responsible for instructional and faculty matters, curriculum development, and the promotion of a sound academic program. Academic support offices are also under the responsibility of the Academic Vice President, such as the Library, Registrar, computer services, and advisement.

**Q:** How long have you been working for the Mount?  
**A:** I have been working at the Mount for 7 years.

**Q:** What is your educational background?  
**A:** I hold a bachelor's degree in French from Mundelein College in Chicago; a Master of Arts in French Literature from the University of California at Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in

Higher Education from the Claremont Graduate University. I have had several grants for further study in France.

**Q:** Many students have expressed that class sizes are increasing. Why is that?  
**A:** Ninety-five percent (95%) of the classes at the Mount have fewer than 40 students. The average class size this year is 15 and this average has increased slightly over the past five years due to an increase in enrollment. This modest growth has allowed the college to achieve balanced budgets and to place more funds into student financial aid. We had one very large science class of 72 students last Fall which may have given the impression that we have many large classes.

**Q:** In an average, how many part-time and full-time teachers get hired per year?  
**A:** We have 77 full-time faculty members at the Mount. Each year we employ about 150 part-time faculty for a variety of reasons. 1) Some bring a required specialization or expertise which we need in a program but do not have in the full-time faculty. 2) Some bring professional or business experience which allows them to share with students what the current business or professional practice is really like. 3) Part-time

faculty provide a way for students to experience a wider variety of teachers than they would otherwise have. 4) Employing part-time faculty is also a way for institutions to meet all their instructional needs without adding all new full-time faculty which may or may not be needed as enrollment fluctuates. It is also less expensive for the college to have a combination of full and part-time faculty. This has been a common practice in higher education for the last 25 years.

**Q:** What process does a student have to go through in order to solve an academic problem?  
**A:** Let's say a student is having trouble with an instructor. The first thing she should do is attempt to communicate with the instructor. Most instructors are understanding and will appreciate the student's honesty and the courage it takes to approach him or her. Most will be fair too. If this doesn't work, the student should communicate the problem to the department chair to whom the faculty member is accountable. If this isn't satisfactory, the student should communicate with Mrs. Zelus, the Assistant Academic Vice President.

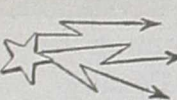
**Q:** How do you handle academic situations that involve a student with special needs or learning disabilities such as dyslexia?  
**A:** Students who believe they have a learning disability should visit the Learning Center on either campus. Once a student is determined "eligible" as a student with a learning disability, then there are certain accommodations made for that student such as extended time for test taking, etc. The particulars of any one situation will depend on the individual situation and the individual's learning disability.

**Q:** What are the different committees that you oversee? What are the purposes of those committees?  
**A:** There are many committees which fall into the academic area of the Academic Vice President of the College. Some of them are: Academic Policy; Curriculum, Faculty Status; Faculty Policy, Graduate Council, and Academic Planning. Students serve on some of these committees and are helpful and contributing members.

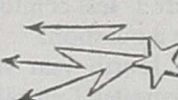
**Q:** Can you explain the process of hiring a professor?  
**A:** Briefly, the process for hiring a full-time faculty member is as follows: an ad is placed in the *Chronical of Higher Education*; a faculty search committee of 4-6 is formed as a screening and interviewing

committee; applicants who are finalists are interviewed, do a demonstration teaching exercise, and are interviewed by appropriate administrators. The committee recommends a candidate to the Academic Vice President and President and a contract is offered. Part-time faculty members are chosen by department chairs.

**Q:** Is there any specific goal you are working toward right now?  
**A:** I have several large goals for the college and many smaller, specific ones. The large ones include: To promote an academic program for students which challenges students to stretch their minds, develop their consciences, and nourish their hearts. To promote the realization among students and faculty that getting to know people different than us reveals to us the unknown parts of ourselves. To promote true respect for one another on both campuses. To encourage a spirit of inquiry and a love for learning, especially the liberal arts. There are many many smaller more specific goals such as providing an environment conducive to the development of leadership skills, the practice of critical thinking across the curriculum, and the use of technology to enhance learning, the improvement of student writing and oral expression.



## Mount News Flash



### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS!!

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Chalon - 3/3 @ 5:00 p.m. Learning Center  
Doheny - 3/4 @ 5:00 p.m. Career Center

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## She Finds the Time...

By Josie G. Garcia  
Copy Editor

In a generation characterized by apathy and selfishness, it is good to know there are still those people who give their time and hard work to something other than themselves. One person committed to servicing others is third year student Durgha Shanmugan.



Durgha Shanmugan, active and dedicated Mount student. (Photo by Moria Demby)

Shanmugan is already a familiar face to many students at the Mount. This is due to her involvement in many campus clubs and organizations. Not only is Shanmugan a Resident Assistant, a position she has held for the last two years; she is also the president of Pi Theta

Mu and a tutor with the Scholar Mentor Club. She is a member of the yearbook staff and member of the Admission Office's Mount Dancers.

With a double major in Biology-Chemistry and Biology, and a minor in Psychology, Shanmugan is often busy with homework assignments and labs. In order to meet all of her duties, Shanmugan intertwines her school work with her activities. She does so by scheduling club meetings around her class schedule and by studying while on R.A. duty.

Even with the stress of such a heavy load, Shanmugan encourages her peers to have a life outside of school work. "Freshman year I was shy, quiet, did nothing. I did not push myself to get involved...it was with the R.A. position that I realized there's more to the world than just your studies. Once someone makes the move, one step leads to so many things. From there the door opens."

Shanmugan's involvement, particularly as president of Pi Theta Mu, shows her commitment to volunteering. Pi Theta Mu, the Mount's Honorary Service Sorority is dedicated to volunteering and is the official hostess to the college. It is not surprising that Shanmugan's plans for the future include helping others.

Upon graduation, Shanmugan plans on entering the Master's International Program, where she plans on obtaining a masters in health. While in the Master's International Program, Shanmugan plans on joining the Peace Corps in order to help those who are in need of medical services. "My initial goal was to go into medical school right away, but that wouldn't give me enough time to enjoy life and see the world. With the Master's International Program and the Peace Corps, I realized that is one chance for me to do what I love to do best, which is volunteer in the community, give back to the community, and enjoy life," explained Shanmugan.

Shanmugan's career goal is also due to her experiences in Sri Lanka, India. Shanmugan was born and lived in Sri Lanka until the age of six. She was forced to leave because of a civil war. During Christmas break, Shanmugan returned to Sri Lanka and was confounded by what she saw. "That was an experience because just to realize that people living there don't have much to live with and the way they live, the living conditions, it was just amazing. Just to do it [Peace Corps] for a year or two is my goal; to go over there and help out," Shanmugan commented.

For now, Shanmugan continues with her academic and social activities, keeping in mind that what she is doing now will affect what she does in the future, in serving the needs of others.

## The Mount Celebrates Black History Month

By Joan Fletcher  
Assistant Editor

As we are well into February, this is the time to think about the events and meaning of this month...and I'm not talking about Valentine's Day!

Black History Month is one of the greatest cultural events in the U.S. It is not just a time to celebrate the culture of African-Americans, but it is a time for all of us to look at our own cultures. It is a time to be proud of who we are and where we came from. It is also a time to think about where we are going.

In its tradition of celebrating cultural diversity, the Mount has held several events to enrich our knowledge of the African-American culture. Most of these events have been sponsored by the African-American Council of Women.

The month began with Opening Ceremonies on February 2, 1998. Due to the bad weather, the ceremonies were held in the Campus Center instead of the Circle. According to first year student Ari Easley, the public relations officer of AACW, those participating "read poems about phenomenal women" at the ceremony.

Easley also commented it was "great to see the different nationalities who came to support us." Easley participated in the event by reading the poem by Maya Angelou called "Still I Rise." The Black National Anthem was also sung at the event.

Easley describes Black History Month as "a time for all people, all minority cultures, to see where they came from and where they're going..."

On February 4, 1998, AACW sponsored a Soul Food Sale. Their flyers proclaimed the underlying message of the sale: "Soul Food is food made from your soul that fills your heart as well as your stomach." The food sold ranged from fried chicken to corn bread.

On February 11, 1998, an African Marketplace was held in the Campus Center from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Vendors sold items important to the remembrance of African-American history, such as informative books, t-shirts, clothes, dolls, and jewelry.

Members of the Altadena Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen will share their experiences with the Mount community on February 25, 1998 at 7 PM in the Lecture Hall. This will be the last Mount event in honor of Black History Month.

According to the Mount News Release, the event will include comments by the airmen, a 15-minute video presentation about their experiences, and a question and answer session.

So with this event will come the end of Black History Month, but just because the month is coming to a close, we should not stop celebrating the culture. "As women of color, we need to celebrate for more than just one month, but celebrate our heritage throughout the year," Easley commented.



Members of AACW serve up soul food in the recent event commemorating Black History Month. (Photo by Sima Alizadeh, contributing photographer)

## Attention Lovers of English! This Might Interest You

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

Are you interested in joining a club that will offer you field trips, cultural broadening in literature, and more? Well, this is exactly what the English Club is planning to offer all those English majors and minors. The club is also open to non-English majors, but Solis shared that whoever wants to join will "need to get the approval of the officers."

The English Club was finally approved this year during the first weeks of school. This would have not been possible without the help of Cristina Solis, a fourth year student who started on this project and strongly believed in it. Solis was in charge of writing the constitution.

Some of the activities the club has in mind are trips to the L.A. Times and the Getty museum to explore new careers in writing—such as journalism—and to promote on campus publishings like *The Oracle* and the yearbook.

Solis believes the club should be a success because there are a lot of English majors at Chalon.

The first meeting was held on Thursday, February 5, 1998. At the meeting, Solis mentioned the offices that are available which are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, publicity director, and ICC representative. She also mentioned that those elected will have to be in office for three extra months (until Spring 1999) due to the fact that we are already in the

Spring semester. This will cause less hassle in having to elect new people for next year. But she did make it clear that beginning Fall 1999, the office positions will be only for one year. The result of the meeting was not what she expected, but she

hopes that next time there will be more students interested. The meetings will be held once a month and the next one is soon to be announced.

Many English majors such as Hilda Rodriguez, a third year student and an English major believe having an English club is important, and that it should exist because it can give guidance about different opportunities and careers.

Solis invites everybody to be part of the club, but strongly encourages all English majors to do so. The English Club "gives English majors the opportunity to be exposed to other aspects of literature such as Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish," commented Aimee Tobias, a third year student who is planning to join the club. She continued by saying that sometimes English majors do not know each other, and this can help them get acquainted.

Solis said the club is also open to Doheny students, but there may be less advertisement at Doheny than Chalon as she is up on the hill. If there is anyone interested in advertising at Doheny, they are welcome to do so. If any student from Chalon or Doheny is interested in joining the club or would like more information, contact Cristina Solis at (310) 954-4404.



Cristina Solis drums up members for the English Club. (Photo by Moria Demby)



# The History and Myths of the Doheny Campus

By Josie G. Garcia  
Copy Editor

Many Mount students daily pass by and admire the Doheny Mansion. Although many students know that it was once the house of Edward and Estelle Doheny, other facts are not so well known. There is more to this enormous, pink house than just its beautiful facade.

Originally named the Posey house, Mr. Doheny, a wealthy oil tycoon, purchased the mansion for his wife in 1901. Although Mr. Doheny liked the house, Mrs. Doheny did not. In a letter to her husband, Mrs. Doheny wrote, "I was heart-sick when I saw the inside of that house...I am ashamed to tell you how I really feel about the house, but I thought if you only knew how I disliked it you wouldn't purchase the place, only rent till we better ourselves."

Nonetheless, Mr. and Mrs. Doheny moved into the house at 8 Chester Place in 1901. Chester Place was a residential park named after Judge

Charles Silent's son, Chester, who was accidentally killed in a hunting accident.

Moving to the Posey house proved to be a good decision, and Mrs. Doheny came to love and enjoy her home. As the



The heart of the Doheny Campus. (Photo by Moria Demby)

years progressed, Mr. and Mrs. Doheny made many enhancements to their home and the surrounding grounds. Ritchie Ward, author of *The Dohenys of Los Angeles*, and a one-time neighbor of the Dohenys, remembers, "Across the street from Number Eight, at the corner of Twenty-third Street, was the Doheny's private deer park, with tame deer, monkeys, and parrots, which naturally attracted me as a young boy."

Mrs. Doheny enjoyed

hosting parties and in 1906 she had an open court at the back of the house enclosed so that she could entertain. This addition to the house, the Pompeian Room, allowed for an accommodation of up to 110 guests. In 1913, the Dohenys built a glass and steel conservatory behind their home, which not only housed a swimming pool, but also a vast array of palms and orchids.

After the death of Mr. Doheny in 1935, Mrs. Doheny continued to live in her "pink palace." Because she was concerned with the preservation of her home, Mrs. Doheny decided to deed her

land to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1940. In 1962, four years after Mrs. Doheny's death, the Doheny Estate became the home of the Doheny campus. Today the mansion of Chester Place looks much as it did when the Dohenys occupied the house. The Doheny Mansion is now used for social and academic events such as fundraisers and banquets, and has appeared in many commercials and feature films.

## HOUSE 8, THE DOHENY MANSION:

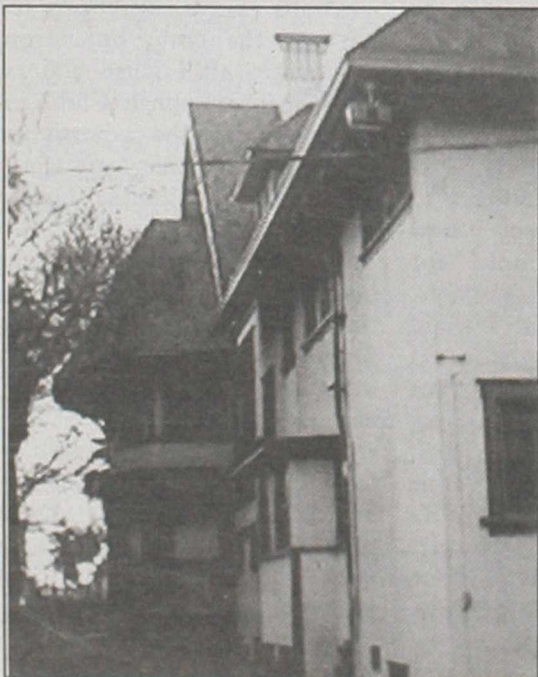
YES, EVEN THE MOUNT HAS ITS VERY OWN HAUNTED MANSION. ACCORDING TO SOME STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED LAST YEAR FROM THE DOHENY CAMPUS, MR. DOHENY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO LEAVE HIS HOME. AN ALUMNA ONCE SHARED A STORY THAT DURING HER FRESHMAN ORIENTATION SHE WAS STROLLING THROUGH THE GARDENS THAT SURROUND THE MANSION WHEN SHE FELT THAT SOMEONE WAS LOOKING AT HER. SHE LOOKED UP AT THE THIRD STORY WINDOW AND NOTICED A MAN LOOKING DOWN AT HER. THEN HE DISAPPEARED. SHE BECAME SCARED AND ASKED SOMEONE ABOUT THE MAN SHE SAW. THERE WAS NO POSSIBLE WAY FOR A MAN TO BE IN THE MANSION; THE REASON: THE THIRD STORY IS A CONVENT FOR THE SISTERS. SO WHO WAS THE MAN LOOKING OUT OF THE THIRD STORY WINDOW? IT WAS SUPPOSEDLY NONE OTHER THAN MR. DOHENY.



Building #10: Rumored to be the lady in white's favorite haunt. (Photo by Moria Demby)

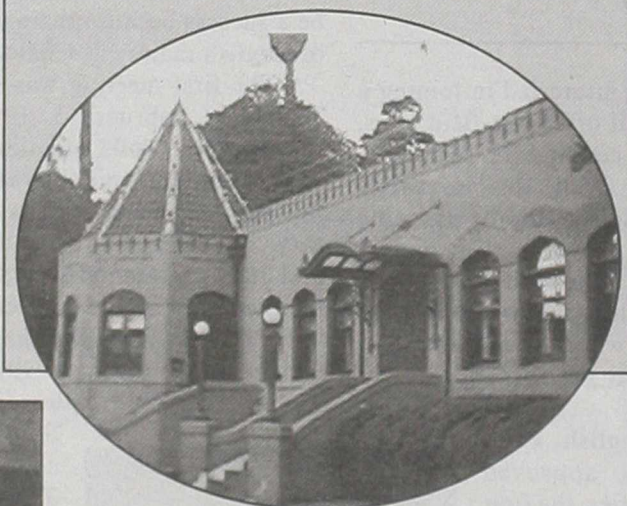
## HOUSE 20, THE PEPTO BISMAL HOUSE:

ACCORDING TO VARIOUS RUMORS THE EX-OCCUPANTS OF THIS HOUSE DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE. SOME STUDENTS CLAIM THAT DOOR KNOBS TURN ON THEIR OWN. YET NOBODY IS ON THE OTHER END. WHO IS TRYING TO GET IN? OTHER GHOSTLY ACCOUNTS CLAIMS THAT A GHOST SUPPOSEDLY BRUSHES PAPERS OFF STUDENTS' DESKS. ANNOYING ISN'T IT? WHO KNOWS WHAT CAUSES DOOR KNOBS TO TURN ON THEIR OWN, AND WHAT CAUSES STUDENTS' PAPERS TO FALL OFF THE DESK?



House 1: People claim to hear the cries of a baby and much more. (Photo by Moria Demby)

**Have you ever wondered if the Doheny campus is haunted? According to some students it appears as if they are not the only occupants of the Doheny campus. Here are just a few of the ghost stories that will make you wonder the next time you step onto the Doheny Campus.**



Who knows what lurks beneath the Mansion? (Photo by Moria Demby)

## House 1, The Wellness House:

You have to take into consideration that House One had been closed for quite a few years due to the Northridge earthquake. Most of you do know what happens to an abandoned house, right? Supposedly they become haunted if they weren't already. According to some people this is the house where you will hear a piano falling and a baby crying. There is much more history to this house that will in no doubt surface with time. In the meantime let's just hope the baby and the piano do not disturb the current occupants of this house.

All ghost stories compiled by Norma Marquez, Staff Writer

## Building #10, Admissions:

This building houses various offices and two sisters, one of whom is Sister Kathleen Kelly, Vice President of the Doheny Campus. Rumors have it that there have been sightings of a lady that walks in the house dressed in all white. This house is rumored to be quite haunted, especially down in the basement. But who really knows what lurks in that building when admissions, financial aid, the registrars office, and all the others close for the day.

## BENEATH THE BUILDINGS:

ANOTHER GREAT STORY THAT MOST OF THE DOHENY STUDENTS KNOW ABOUT IS THE ONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BASEMENT TUNNELS. SUPPOSEDLY ALL THE BASEMENTS UNDERNEATH DOHENY CONNECT AND AT ONE POINT LEAD TO DOWNTOWN L.A. WHETHER THIS IS TRUE IS UP TO WHOEVER IS BRAVE ENOUGH TO GO DOWN THERE AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES.



## Whatever!

# The Past From My Perspective

Black History Month. A time of pride. A time to reflect on the many achievements African Americans have contributed to society—past and present. A time to realize who we are, not only as a race, but as individuals.



Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

This year, Black History Month has taken on a more personal meaning for me. It has become a time of self-evaluation that reminds me of how much I have yet to learn about myself. I know that I am African American, a woman, a daughter, a sister, a friend; but these roles just scrape the surface. It goes so much deeper than that.

I grew up knowing that I was from an extremely diverse background. But my parents never made a tremendous effort to introduce me to the unexplored world of my ethnicity. Therefore, I looked towards my educators to teach me what I was thirsting to discover about myself.

I remember year after year, getting excited about a history or literature class in hopes that I would find that part of me that needed to be complete. Fat chance! If we did study anything remotely close to African

American history we would only spend one day talking about it. Wow! Imagine that, one day to cover years and years of pain, struggle and achievements.

I used to wonder why it was that it took me so long to find out that Christopher Columbus did not "discover" the U.S., or that *Amistad* was in fact a true story of my people. Why? Well, after all these years of being misguided and misinformed, I have finally found the answer to my question...Society.

When I say this, I mean our current society that creates a mask for everyone in this world that is of a different race. They ingrain into our minds to forget who we are by not allowing us to speak our languages. This is the same society that tries to deny that racism no longer exists. The same society that has hidden the truth under generations of lies. The same society that talks about "justice for all."

This is where we get trapped into thinking that we can not do anything about it. Well, I am here to tell you that you can. I can, everybody can. All we have to do is believe in ourselves and feel free to explore who we are.

For the first time in my life I am not letting this bogus society that is so afraid of the truth get in the way of discovering of who I am. And for once, I am not going to blame anybody or anything. I know that the truth that I am searching for lies within me, I just had to realize it on my own.

## Spanish Concerns

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Doud offered further explanation, "Whenever the department plans for classes there is also a budget planned, which makes it impossible to hire a part-time teacher and open a new section," she said Doud and Fine invited the students to be involved in the hiring process of the teachers for the upcoming academic year. To further the discussion, they will be holding another meeting on March 4 in Hannon Parlor at 4:00pm. All students are invited to come and work together to solve these concerns.

## Community Happenings: Upcoming events in the Arts

- The Southwest Museum in Los Angeles Celebrates Black History Month with a special event. On Sunday, February 22, at 1:00 pm., Edgar Love, professor emeritus at El Camino College, will present a slide-illustrated lecture on *Blacks in Mexico*. Piers Armstrong, professor of Brazilian studies at UCLA, will present *Africans in the New World*.

- On Saturday, February 28 at 2:00p.m., Victoria Dailey, Los Angeles author and publisher, will present an illustrated lecture, *Chasing California: a Bibliographical Quest in the Carl S. Dentzel Reading Room of the Braun Research Library*. Admission: general, \$7.00; seniors and students, \$3.50

- Internships for culturally diverse students are to be offered this summer at the J. Paul Getty Trust: Los Angeles, CA- The J.Paul Getty Trust is now accepting applications for summer internships from culturally diverse undergraduate students interested in exploring careers in art museums and related areas of the visual arts and the humanities. Specialization in the arts and the humanities is not required; students of all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply.

**Application deadline is March 2, 1998.** All applications materials must be post-marked by March 2, 1998; notification will be made by May 4, 1998. To receive an application form, please contact: the Internship Coordinator, Getty Undergraduate Internships for Diversity in the Arts and the Humanities. The J. Paul Getty Trust 1200 Getty Center Drive, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Telephone: (310) 440-7724.

- The fourth season of "Racing Toward The Millennium" literary series begins February 15; collaborative presentation of the Los Angeles Public Library and MOCA. Each event includes a brief introduction by the moderator, followed by the author's reading and a conversation between the author and the moderator.

The readings take place on Sundays at 2 p.m. at locations alternating between the Central Library's Mark Taper Auditorium and MOCA's Ahmanson Auditorium. Single tickets are \$8 in advance and at the door subject to availability. Advance tickets may be ordered by mail or by phone (credit-card orders only); mail orders are strongly preferred.

## The Oracle Reviews the Hottest Movies: *Blues Brothers 2000* and the Other View of *Titanic*

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

After eighteen years of absence, the Blues Brothers are back. *Blues Brothers 2000* starring Dan Aykroyd as Elwood Blue, and John Goodman as Mighty Duck is filled with blues and rhythm.

Directed by John Landis, *Blues Brothers 2000* features a lot of famous music legends such as James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Eric Clapton, B.B. King, Erykah Badu, and many more. The film focuses on Elwood Blue, who after being in prison for so many years, wants to reunite the Blues Brothers band. This proves to be quite difficult and he has to face many comedic obstacles before reaching his goal.

After being released from prison, Elwood Blue discovers that two of the band members have already passed away, so he goes in search of the other members. He finds one of them as the owner of a strip club, another with a love

line agency, a third one working in the cemetery, and finally the fourth one as the owner of a Mercedes Benz dealership.

Elwood Blue goes to the orphanage where he was raised and walks away as a mentor of a ten year-old orphan boy named Buster. Elwood gets stuck with Buster through out the whole movie, and soon Buster also becomes part of the band.

Elwood is then accused of kidnapping Buster and the action the movie features is portrayed from here on. *Blues Brothers 2000* includes a little bit of everything from police chases to Russian attacks.

The film as I already mentioned before is filled with music that will make you want to get up and dance. If you are the type of person who likes music from different genres, then this film is for you.

By Moria Demby  
Photo Editor

So the ship sinks. I sat through the unusually long movie, *Titanic*, twice. The first time, I enjoyed the experience. The love story between Jack and Rose reached my sappy side, no problem. The sinking sequence made good use of modern technology, while twisting my emotions.

However, the second time I was not as impressed. My long, stress filled

day put me into a bad mood I just could not shake, which is probably why I needed to pick apart the "epic film." The opening scenes were fascinating; but, Bill Paxton and the character he played, and the characters around him annoyed me. Their personalities came across as fake. Whether that was the result of bad acting or bad writing, I'm not sure.

Looking more closely at Rose and Jack's budding romance, I realized it fit a mold. The standard fairy tale—the shining knight rescues the fair maiden from the wretched tower. In this case, the knight is teen heartthrob Leonardo DiCaprio playing the (supposed) unlikely knight and the tower is the flat character of fiancé Cal. So, it stands to reason that the characters are cliché and their relationships are predictable. Rose is weak and trapped; Jack is strong and free; Cal is pompous and mean. Following this line, Jack frees Rose and defeats Cal.

My other concerns lie with the accuracy of the time period and the sinking ship itself. The exquisite clothing that the passengers wore impressed me, and apparently for good reason. According to one of the specials I saw about the making of *Titanic*, the costumes were authentic replicas from the time period. Apart from that I don't know, nor am I an authority.

As for the validity of the tragedy's portrayal, I hold a few qualms. I read in *Entertainment Weekly* that the lower classes being caged in on the lower levels was not entirely true. Apparently some areas were gated off, but not all. I feel that accuracy should not have been compromised for dramatic effect. I think the situation was dramatic enough, after all the ship does sink and many people do die dramatically.

In the end, I wondered how far willful suspension of disbelief could be pushed. How could someone move around in freezing water and still have the coordination to use an ax to slice handcuffs without removing limbs? How do a set of keys drop straight down and remain perfectly still on the floor when the rushing water is pushing the people around? Just minor leaps of faith I guess, after all this is L.A.





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A friend of mine is a hostess at her grandfather's restaurant. She doesn't smoke but her whole wardrobe smells as if she does. Although the smoke bothers her in the sense that her eyes often tear, my friend has gotten used to it. The irritation of her eyes as a result of cigarette smoke no longer surprises her. Last year when I ate at the restaurant, I contemplated the issue whether or not smoking should be prohibited in restaurants and bars.

Over the past several months, the ban on smoking in restaurants and bars has received a great deal of hype. Why can't

people smoke when they order a beer on a summer evening in the local bar? Why must a non-smoking bartender inhale smoke that is being blown to him from all directions? Why must smokers take a few whiffs outside the restaurant they just finished eating in? Why must waiters put up with smoking in their workplace? These questions are constantly raised. Yet the answers to both sides often overlap each other in the logic.

If I am for this ban simply because I do not smoke, then my argument lacks reason. And, if I am indifferent toward the whole issue because I nei-

ther smoke nor do I attend bars, then my views easily depict a sense of disconnectedness to the world outside my door. The same goes for the views of one who is a smoker. A smoker cannot oppose the ban simply because she smokes. Such an argument is unreasonably inconsiderate. So I have decided to take into account both sides of the issue. I have

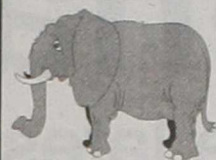
decided to consider the rights of both the smoker and the non-smoker. For, isn't the sole purpose of this column to consider the issues that involve the well-being of others?

I have many friends who smoke. Because of this, I understand smokers who feel they have a right to smoke in a restaurant or bar. However, ever since I began to think about this issue, I could not help but think about my friend in her grandfather's restaurant. My friend whose eyes blinked out tears of irritation on a daily basis. Somehow, this image never found its way out of my mind.

I have reached the conclusion that the ban on smoking is logical. For my friend's case alone, this ban is necessary. How hard is it to step outside in order to light up? Is this asking too much?



On the Left  
Joyce Liu



## Political Voices

### To Smoke or Not to Smoke



Imagine you have just finished a hard day at work and you decide that you have earned a bit of relaxation. You go to your favorite watering hole or eatery. The addition of one thing is all you need to completely enjoy the moment. A cigarette. Unfortunately, you are out of luck. This is California and you are trapped in a world where smoking has been declared public enemy number one.

Mind you, smoking is completely legal. Cigarettes though, like many vices, have long faced opposition. Alcohol was actually banned during the early part of the century. No such ban exists for tobacco. Cigarettes are not controlled substances. They can be purchased at the consumers discretion from any number of sources. While they do carry health warning labels, the final choice on lighting up has always been left to the individual.

There are arguments that second hand smoke endangers others, so non-smokers' rights outweigh any rights the smoker may have. Why not acknowledge that both groups have rights? Instead of legislating where smoking may be permitted, let free market handle the problem. Establishments could decide if they would permit smoking or not. Consumers would "vote" with their dollars. Smokers and non-smokers alike would have places where they feel comfortable.

Establishments that cater to the public are already adept at making business decisions designed to keep them solvent. If a restau-

rant wishes to cater to smokers, then the consumer is free to not patronize the establishment, in the same way that vegetarians need not eat at a steakhouse.

A number of advertisements have been produced depicting waitresses pleading for support of the ban, as second hand smoke affects their health. In our country we have a number of occupations that can have adverse affects on the health of the workers. Granted,

most of them pay better than waiting tables, but in each case the employee makes a choice on working in that industry. If we went to an establishment choice system, servers would still be free to choose where they wish to be employed. If a

shortage of help then arises for smoking establishments, then there may have to be an increase in wages and benefits to entice workers. If there is no shortage, then there are obviously servers that do not mind the potential risks. In either case, the individuals that do not wish to work in a smoking friendly establishment would not be forced to.

The smoking ban is another case of big government attempting to legislate individual behavior. In a open and free society, there should not be artificial constrictions on the use of legal products.

If we permit this Big Brother intrusion into legal personal recreation, then we must all be prepared to see additional encroachments. Which of your hobbies will be next?



On the Right  
Kate Hartsfield

## Letters to the Editor

### Pieces of the Picture: Will The RA Position Fit You?

Do you want a job that is fun and exciting and at the same time allows you to develop leadership, problem solving, and communication skills? Or how about a job that enables you to be creative and design parties and programs for other students?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then, the Resident Assistant position just might be right for you. The time has come to select the 1998-99 RA staff, and the Residence Life Office is accepting applications from all interested students.

Those of you who have lived in residence halls are somewhat familiar with what an RA does. She's the one who decorates your door, puts on fun and interesting programs, and keeps slipping memos and announcements under your door. In case you are thinking about applying here is a quick look at what is expected of an RA and what the job entails from the viewpoint of a former RA.

If you have a creative side, as an RA you will have no problem expressing it. RA's plan and implement five programs a year for their floors. Recently several of the RA's sponsored a broom ball game. The RA's have also put together

ice skating trips, trips to the movies, resume workshops, visits to exotic restaurants, trips to T.V. tapings, workshops on making dream catchers, and much more. The possibilities are endless. At times the RA's team up with RHA in a group known as RHL. RHL sponsored a dance last fall, and is now working on two programs for the spring semester Cosmic Bowling, and the annual Sunblast beach trip.

Another important aspect of the RA position is peer counseling. RA's are the students' lifeline in the halls and their link to the administration. As an RA you open your door to people of all backgrounds and form relationships and friendships that may last a lifetime. In her relationship with the residents living on her floor, an RA learns to openly communicate, empathize, and problem-solve.

RA's are also responsible for being on-call during the evenings, on weekends, and some vacations while the college is in session. "Duty" is shared among the nine staff members. Two of the nine RA's are on duty each night, Sunday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. the following morning, and two share weekend duty from Friday at 7 p.m. to Sunday at 7 p.m. Also, on weekdays from 4:30-7 p.m., and on weekends

from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. RA's can be reached on campus via the RA pager. The scheduling is done at the beginning of each semester and is flexible for unanticipated emergencies. When an RA is on duty she is responsible for assisting residents with personal concerns, noise problems, investigating any reports of policy violations, and handling any emergencies that occur with the help of the professional staff. Although it may seem like a tremendous amount of responsibility, RA duty can help you develop advanced problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills. Each new staff of RA's undergoes fun yet intensive training in crisis management, peer counseling, and time management to prepare them for the responsibilities of duty. In addition, you get to wear the official RA pager!

If even one thing discussed above appeals to you, pick up an application. Informational meetings are being held February 10th from 12a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Carousel Room (dining hall), and February 11th from 9:15 p.m. to 10:30pm in Brady, second floor lounge. Applications are available in the Residence Life Office, Brady 101.

Mary Grainer  
Program Assistant

## From the Editor On Birth Control

The mission of the Mount has always been clear. It's commitment to Catholicism has been foremost. And rightfully so. We are a Catholic, liberal-arts college, primarily for women. However, I believe the time has come for the Mount to consider their commitment to women ahead of Catholicism's views regarding birth control. Especially when what is at stake is the health, and in some cases the lives, of women.

In accordance with the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Health Services, while willing to provide information regarding birth control; does not provide birth control, of any form, to students. For various reasons, this practice is unsafe and contradicts the goal of advancing the status of women in our society.

First, the majority of women who attend the Mount, with the rare exception of some first year students, are legal adults. It is not as if Health Services would be passing out condoms on an elementary school playground. We are women, beginning to grasp our lives and make them truly our own.

Second, not everyone who attends the Mount and/or buys health insurance through the school is catholic. And while we should all be expected to respect the traditions of the college, the issue of birth control is not about tradition.

Birth control and educating women about their sexuality, and about their sexual relationships is essential. We live in an age where being "informed" about birth control or STD's is not enough. A pamphlet will not save us from an unplanned pregnancy, a pamphlet will not save us from getting an STD, and a pamphlet will not save us from AIDS.

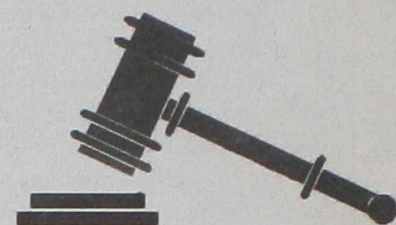
Yes, a student can go elsewhere and get birth control. Certainly if a student wishes to have protected sex she will go the distance to do so. However, why should she have to go elsewhere? How can the college turn a blind eye; acknowledging students are having sex, and that this is accepted—as long as the College doesn't have to know who it is or how often she is getting birth control. Is the college through this policy preventing anyone from having sexual intercourse? It is doubtful.

The bottom line is that for many of us, the Mount is our home. Not only do we receive our education here, but we live our lives on this campus. The college should be willing to accept us as complete individuals, and treat us as such. Finally, administration should be concerned about our future, and that includes our health and safety.



# Death Penalty:

## Right or wrong? The latest issues



The death penalty has long been the object of heated debate between those who believe that it's justice and others who believe it is morally wrong. The debate has once again become the focus of many arguments with the execution of ax murderer Karla Faye Tucker.

Tucker was executed on February 3, 1998 in Texas. She was the second woman to be executed in the United States since 1976. Tucker's case won international recognition because of her conversion to Christianity before she died, and because of her gender. Many important people, including everyone from the Pope to the brother of one of her victims, pleaded for her life.

The other woman to be executed since the 1970's was Velma Barfield. Barfield underwent an extraordinary change while in prison and spent much of her last six years helping other prisoners in any way she could. She confessed her crime, asked for forgiveness, and volunteered her useable organs for medical transplant. She claimed she did not fear death because she "put her trust in the Lord." She died in North Carolina in 1984 from lethal injection.

With the execution of Tucker have come many problems for the U.S. It has stirred up many emotions and arguments about the death penalty. For example, the U.N. is currently discussing the use of the death penalty in the U.S. and other countries. The U.N. Commission on Human Rights adopted a resolution to abolish the death penalty on April 3, 1997 in Geneva. Members of the U.N. are supposed to follow these guidelines.

The argument in support of the death penalty is led by families of victims and their sympathizers. This end of the debate is highly emotional. Supporters hold that these criminals have committed unforgivable crimes and should be punished accordingly. Some even go as far as to say they [the prisoners] got what they deserved. There is a strong "eye for an eye" mentality amongst people in this group.

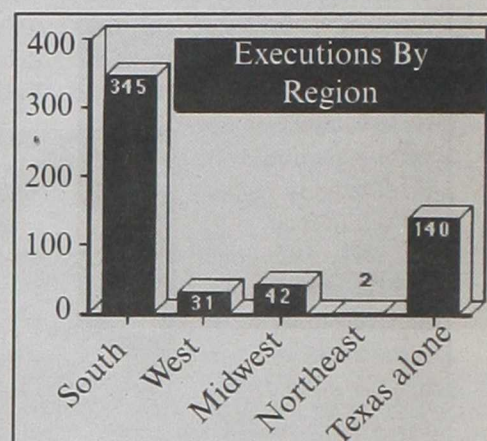
There is also a question of why the taxpayers should pay to support the lives of murderers serving life sentences in prison while their victims are dead and the families of the victims are left without compensation. This group also brings up the subject of the luxury of prison life as compared to the lives of the poor and homeless. They hold the opinion that we should help the poor before the criminals, who have committed grave sins against society.

The other side of the debate is strongly against the death penalty, citing murder is still murder. They have a more rational argument that points out the fact that the expense of an execution far outweighs the expense of a life-term in prison; that many

defendant, as well as the race of the victim, often seems to color the decision of the judge. Statistics show that the defendant is more likely to be sentenced to death if he/she is a minority and if the victim is white.

It does not seem to do justice to put an innocent person to death because they are suspected of a crime and perhaps did not have good legal counsel, and so were convicted. There have been many instances in which cases are researched after the execution and the defendant has been found innocent. Since 1970, 71 people have been released from death row with substantial evidence of their innocence.

In addition, even law enforcement seems to hold little



faith in the death penalty system. In a 1995 Hart Research Poll of police chiefs in the U.S., the majority of the chiefs did not believe that the death penalty is an effective law enforcement tool. The chiefs rated drug abuse programs, a better economy, and gun control as more important factors in the reduction of crime, as opposed to the death penalty. Only one percent of the chiefs polled named the death penalty as their top priority in reducing violent crime.

Another important issue in the death penalty argument is the fact that many executions are botched and end up causing great pain. Some feel this sort of treatment can be translated as cruel and unusual punishment, which is barred by the

### Methods of Capital Punishment used by States:

#### Lethal Injection:

Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming

#### Electrocution:

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia

#### Lethal Gas:

Arizona, California, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Wyoming

#### Hanging:

Delaware, New Hampshire, Washington

#### Firing Squad:

Idaho, Oklahoma, Utah

#### None:

Alaska, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin



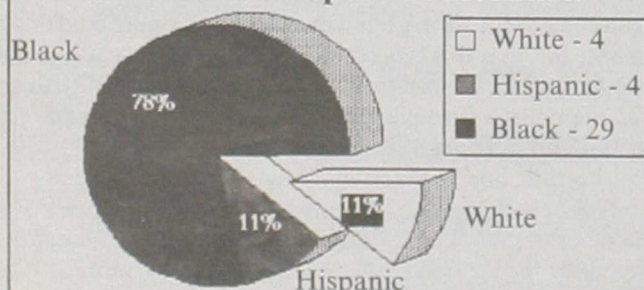
U.S. constitution.

Studies have shown that over 50% of voters will vote against using the death penalty when offered alternatives. Many people do not want the prisoners to live lives of luxury at the cost of the taxpayers, but they rather see them imprisoned for life. Many of people suggest alternatives, such as hard labor and similar programs that make prisoners work. Many people think the criminals should be paying back their debt to society in that way.

For more information regarding the death penalty, you can visit internet sites like the Death Penalty Information Center at "<http://www.essential.org/dpic/>" or read one of the many books that deal with this issue.

Compiled by Joan Fletcher  
Assistant Editor

### Racial Composition of Defendants Selected for Capital Prosecution



Credit: All graphs were found at "<http://www.essential.org/dpic/>."

of the people sentenced to death row are innocent and may not have had good counsel, and the fact statistics show that the death penalty is racist in its distribution. The race of the

### How Much Do You Know About the Death Penalty?

1. Is it cheaper to execute someone than to keep them in prison for life?
2. In most states, would you be executed even if you suffer from mental retardation?
3. Has hanging been used as a method of execution in the U.S. in the last 30 years?
4. Do police chiefs around the country believe the death penalty is a top priority as a way to lower the crime rate?
5. According to Supreme Court rulings, can a defendant who was 16 or 17 year old at the time the crime was committed receive the death penalty?

1. No! The average execution costs around \$2 million while life imprisonment usually costs less than \$800,000.
2. Yes! From the 38 states with the death penalty, only 11 forbid the execution of those with mental retardation.
3. Yes! Three people have been hung in the 1990s in Delaware and Washington.
4. No! About 99% of the police chiefs in the US prefer other methods such as gun control.
5. Yes! Although the Federal Courts don't protect minors, some states forbid executing anyone under the age of 18.



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## Questions of Legitimacy Over Networking on the Internet

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

One particular internet site is causing controversy at the Mount. The site, Collegiate Circuit, has brought up issues over parties, publicity, and alcohol consumption on campus.

According to Etè Anderson, Director of Student Activities, the Collegiate Circuit is an "underground party circuit for colleges, on-line."

The site, sponsored by Bear Mountain and Thump Records Inc., allows each college on the circuit to be represented by a student. It is the responsibility of the student representatives to help organize parties and spread the word about upcoming events to other students on other campuses.

"It is just a promotional device," explained second year student, Diana Arevalo, a former Collegiate Circuit representative for the Chalon campus. It is there to "help promote collegiate events and post new one's that will be taking place," she added.

There are questions as to why

ASB has made a decision not to promote the Collegiate Circuit site at the Mount. Anderson sheds some light on the matter.

"One of the biggest reasons why we do not promote the Circuit is because it is an underground organization, and seems to be primarily about drinking."

She believes most colleges "would not want to sponsor something like that and would not want to be represented in that manner."

Another contributing factor to this decision was due to an incident that took place late last year on the Chalon Campus.

On November 7, 1997 the Mount's name was printed on a flier for a party that was promoted on the Collegiate Circuit site. The interpretation of the flier has been the subject of debate between administration and students. However, the flier did state a full bar was going to be provided for all partygoers and in conjunction mentioned the party was associated with Mount students.

According to the Student Handbook, the school is not sup-

posed to sponsor anything alcohol-related, on or off campus. Disciplinary action for the posted flier was taken, but information is currently unavailable due to the Respect For Privacy Act



Etè Anderson, Director of Student Activities on the Chalon campus. (photo by Moria Demby)

(pg. 118 of the Student Handbook).

"It was all just a big misunderstanding," said Arevalo. She believes the Mount's administration is "blowing the whole thing out of proportion," and that holding the Collegiate Circuit

responsible is "unfair." She also claims Doheny uses the site as an organizational component for all their events.

Laura Batres, a third year student, agrees that what happened was a misunderstanding. "The flier did not say that the Mount was sponsoring the event, the Circuit was just inviting us."

Anderson commented on the situation. "It is not just the alcohol, but the whole attitude of the Circuit that is demeaning towards women," clarified Anderson. Her main concern is that the site displays a "huge lack of respect for women," that, mixed with alcohol, Anderson sees as trouble.

Batres disagrees. She does not feel like the Collegiate Circuit site is demeaning in any way. "If anyone is being demeaned, they are doing it to themselves," she claims. "I always have fun at the parties and the atmosphere is real cool," Batres concluded.

The future of expansion for the Collegiate Circuit looks pretty grim, at least from the Mount's perspective.

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### Have You Filed Yours?

## Financial Aid Deadlines Are Now Here

By Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writer

Financial aid deadlines are around the corner. Have you filed your Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)? This application allows you to qualify for different types of funds such as scholarships, grants, loans, and work study from the federal, state, the Mount, and outside agencies.

Federal funds are grants, such as the Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Stafford Loan Plus, loans and work study.

The amount of Pell Grant and SEOG awarded depends on the income of the students' parents and assets. The less the parents make, the more grants students will receive. "All students are eligible for some amount of Stafford loans," Jim Whitaker, the director for financial aid explained.

Another type of aid offered is the California Grant. The amount given to a student is based on his or her financial need and grade point average.

This grant is divided into three categories—Cal Grant A, B, and C. The Mount accepts only Cal Grant A and B, because C is for students attending vocational schools.

"All colleges are different in the way they award financial aid. There is not a commonality," Whitaker explained.



A student receives help from a financial aid office worker. (Photo by Moria Demby)

The Mount, for example, gives students the Mount Grant, President and Future Teacher Scholarships, Mount St. Mary's Loans, and work study.

Students get a Mount Grant and work study based on their financial need. "The President and Future Teacher Scholarships rely on students' merits," Whitaker confirmed. Also, Mount Loans are available to any student who is interested.

Outside agencies can also be a source for schol-

arships. For this type of aid, students must look for scholarships at the Career Center, library, or other support services. These are traditionally outside scholarships that individual students bring in from outside groups or sponsoring agencies.

The official financial aid deadline to get all types of funding available is March 2, 1998. The faster a student files his or her renewal application the higher chances are to obtain the maximum amount of aid.

This year a new option is being offered for filing the FAFSA—on the internet. This is the new, faster and easy way of filing your renewal application. It is important for students to choose only one way of filing. Otherwise, the application process will be delayed.

Unfortunately, the entire college has not experienced FAFSA applications on the internet because it does not have the domestic version of Netscape. But, there are a limited number of computers equipped for FAFSA on the web in the ISAE office. All students are welcome to use these computers.

#### How to Renew Your FAFSA on the Web:

- Must be living in the same address you reported in 1997-98
- Go to the FAFSA Web site <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- Request your Electronic Access Code (EAC). Your personal EAC will be mailed to you at the address on your renewal FAFSA.
- Wait for your EAC, which will arrive about 7 to 10 days after you request it. Do not give your EAC to anyone.
- When you receive your EAC and are ready to apply, go back to the FAFSA Web site and make any changes.
- Fill out your 1998-99 Renewal Application on-line and submit it, using your EAC.

#### Should You File Your FAFSA on the Web?

##### Advantages:

- takes 15-30 minutes
- changes can be made more easily
- submission of application is faster
- eliminates errors a clerk can input
- can input your own information

##### Disadvantages:

- takes 7-10 days to get your EAC
- cannot correct application after the first time
- need to send in your parents signature before processing your application
- cannot file if permanent address is different from 1997-98



## ISAE Student Awarded Scholarship

By Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writer

Many students do not apply for scholarships because of time constraints, low hopes of winning, and difficult paper work. These reasons were not obstacles for Andrea Valencia, an ISAE student who won a \$300 scholarship from Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel.



Andrea Valencia (Photo by Veronica Villanueva)

WESTOP is one of the ten regional based associations that comprise the National Council of Educational Opportunity Association. The purpose of the association is to bring together individuals interested in furthering educational opportunities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Valencia is a resident assistant and a Peer Advisor at the Doheny Campus. She plans to transfer to Chalon the next academic year. She was encouraged to apply for the scholarship by her ISAE counselor, Susan Crawford. Since Valencia had already experienced the process of applying and winning a high school scholarship, she had hopes of winning this college scholarship.

"The application process was not hard at all.

It was time consuming because it required a letter of recommendation and a personal essay," Valencia explained.

"When I wrote my personal essay, which took me about an hour, I really wrote it from my heart," she explained. The personal essay was her favorite part of the application because it gave her an opportunity to reflect on her life.

On January 31, ISAE took ten students to the WESTOP conference at the University of California Santa Cruz, where the scholarship recipients were going to be announced.

When Valencia arrived to the conference, her friends told her that her name was in the program. "I was nervous and excited at the same time," Valencia expressed. She thought the scholarship awardees were going to be recognized after lunch. WESTOP chose only fifteen students.

In the competition Valencia had to compete with other seven Mount students. Michelle Lewis, the Director of ISAE, and other counselors from ISAE chose the two best applications and submitted them. Lewis confessed that it was very difficult to make a decision because all the applications were good.

Valencia added, "I recommend every student to find time to apply for scholarships. This is a way of feeling proud of oneself." She plans to buy books for next semester and pay some of her tuition with her scholarship. "The whole experience was wonderful because I had the opportunity to know the University of California Santa Barbara, hear an inspiring key note speaker, and win the scholarship," Valencia concluded.

## Spotlight on AACW

By Josie G. Garcia  
Copy Editor

This past month the African American Council of Women set out to enrich the minds of faculty, staff, and students about Black History Month.

AACW sponsored many activities and cultural events, including a Black History trivia game and a panel discussion with the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II. But behind their various activities lies the message of AACW—the promotion of cultural awareness among African-American women.

With approximately 20 members, AACW is a club that is dedicated to the unity and self-empowerment of African-American women. Though the club is not exclusive to African-American women, but open to anyone who wishes to join.

According to AACW president Selena McKay, "Having non-African American members is great because it helps with our goal of sharing our culture with other people."

Sharing the African-American culture is also what makes Black History Month an important event to AACW. Daisy Antee, secretary of AACW, points out that, "Everyone needs to know the history of African-Americans. We have a lot of culture and history behind us and people need to know what we've

accomplished and what we're doing."

Unfortunately, due to the heavy rainfall, Black History Month did not get as much of the fan fair it expected.

"The rain really messed us up," Antee said in relation to the movement of the opening ceremonies from the Circle to the Campus Center. Because of the change, many people did not know about the opening ceremonies.

Nevertheless, AACW continued with its celebration of Black History Month by holding the Third Annual African Marketplace and posting facts about important African-Americans around the Chalon campus.

With the end of Black History Month, AACW continues to host activities for its members as well as non-members. Among the activities planned for the remainder of the spring semester are more key note speakers and social events aimed at building unity.

Focused on their goal of unity, AACW sponsored a sisterhood retreat and slumber party last semester. This semester AACW plans on doing something similar to these two events, but does not have anything definitive at the present time.

For anyone who is interested in joining AACW, meeting times and dates are posted in the Little Theatre foyer on the AACW board.

## Mount News Flash

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:

Monday, March 2 @ 6 p.m. in the Campus Center...

"Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman" ...kick off Women's History Month with a movie and some pizza

Sponsored by Women's Studies & the History Department

Tuesday, March 17 @ Doheny

St. Joseph's Day Celebration

Wednesday, March 19 @ Doheny

Sienna Day —"Woman in Science & Technology"

Thursday, March 19 @ 7 p.m. in The Little Theatre

Slide presentations with Rebecca Mead from UCLA

"Common Threads: Women and the L.A. Garment Industry from a Global Perspective."

Wednesday, March 25 @ USC

"Take Back the Night"

Call Regina Lark @ ext. 4241 for details

Wednesday, March 25 @ 7 in The Little Theatre

"Faces of America"

Call @ ext. 4120 for details

Thursday, March 26

Women's History Fair

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ Chalon

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. @ Doheny

Friday, March 27 @ 11:30 a.m.

Place: TBA

Informal discussion with Maurice Hamington

"Mary as a Feminist Icon: Religion and Sexuality in the 1990's"

### FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT CENTER:

\* Do you want to spend carefree nights on the beaches of the French Riviera? You can! Study Abroad deadlines will be here before you know it! Come to H203 (Academic Advisement) for more info!

\* Do you need a change of scenery? How about a semester at a sister school on the east coast?! Think about it! Come to H203 (Academic Advisement) for more info. Start planning NOW!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLACING YOUR EVENT HERE? SPACE IS FREE, BUT LIMITED. PLEASE CONTACT **The Oracle** AT 954-4122, OR E-MAIL AT oracle@msmc.la.edu FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT A REQUEST.

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## Get A Nightlife!

"It's Party Time!" And what better place is there to party than in L.A. I should know, I have more than earned my B.A. in clubbing, along with a Ph.D. in night life. Now it is my turn to help all the night life rookies on their way to night life success.

I know this scene may not be for everybody, but hey, you only live once so might as well get your party on!



**Lisa Coleman**  
speaks on  
"Whatever!"

First stop, Creep Alley, (formerly known as Vertigo's), is located at 801 West Temple Street in Downtown L.A. It is a private "members only" club that caters to the who's who in Hollywood. The club is open 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Ladies are free before 10:30 p.m. and it's 21 and over only. Music is brought to you by D.J. Adam 12 (Worldwide) and Stan DA Man (Creative Cuts).

NOTE: This club only goes down on Friday nights and is best (freak daddy) populated when a celebrity is throwing a shindig. For more information call (818) 409-9809 PS: It is easy to become a member, just ask.

Next stop, the Athletic Club Pool Hall, which is located at 431 West 7th Street, in Hollywood. Here is where you can rack em' up with a very diverse crowd. Open 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 a.m. on weekends.

NOTE: If you are not into crowds this place is not for you. But, if your into hobnobbing with some famous faces, then this is

your spot. For more information call (213) 625-2211.

If you just want a place to relax, eat and have a drink, try the Sharks Bar. They offer an elegant setting, located on La Cienega, two blocks before you get to Santa Monica. This bar caters to athletes, actors, actresses and other lovely people. The bar is open 8 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekends.

NOTE: This bar has a very diverse crowd and the atmosphere is pure eye candy. Reservations are a MUST, but not guaranteed. For more information call (310) 652-1520.

At the pulse of Hollywood's "after-the-club-scene" is Jerry's Deli, located behind the Beverly Center at 8701 Beverly Blvd. This is the place you go to after you finish getting your groove on and macking to that Pape Chulo. You will never know who you will see or what to expect. Open 24 hours.

NOTE: I am not too crazy about their sandwiches but their bacon caesar salad is the "lick." And talk about some fine men, Jerry's Deli brings more meaning to the song, "The Freaks Come Out At Night." For more information call (310) 289-1811

Well I hope I made your introduction into the night life a little bit easier. You may not want to be as experienced as I may be in this area, but just try and live it up once in a while. Believe me, a fun night on the town is the best remedy for the blues.

## Movie Rental Reviews: The Oracle Staff

### Gives Thier Suggestions for What to Rent

#### Oohs:

*The People vs. Larry Flint*—Well done and acted. It provides an interesting perspective of the guy who created and produces *Hustler* magazine.

*Romeo and Juliet*—A wonderful movie that demonstrates the triumph of love. More than that, the modern version was excellent.

*Legends of the Fall*—Not only is this movie about a tragic love story, but it contains some very attractive men. I mean Brad Pitt is in the movie.

*The Professional*—Stars Jean Reno (*Mission Impossible*) and Natalie Portman (*Beautiful Girls*). Its an engrossing film filled with a superb action sequence, comedy and drama. Don't miss it.

*The Last Supper*—A group of college liberals take their politics to the extreme. Viciously hilarious!

*The Fugitive*—Action packed thriller in which a man who has been framed for the murder of his wife runs from the police while searching for the real killer. It starts Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones.

*Swingers*—For all of you ladies who have wondered what goes on inside the head of the male species, *Swingers* is the movie to watch.

*The Disappearance of Garcia Lorca*—This film portrayed the injustices toward the press and writers who went against the government while Spain was under dictatorship.

*Kids*—A funny, yet powerful documentary about kids in New York city growing up too fast in a world of clubs, sex, drugs, and in the face of A.I.D.S

#### Boos:

*Mortal Kombat*—Lacked plot and purpose. Though there were female heroes, they seemed to be tokens, spiced up by lack of clothing.

Suggested by Moria Demby

*Daylight*—It was a movie that demonstrated once again how women cry and exhibit fear in a critical and dangerous situation.

Suggested by Veronica Villanueva

*Hard to Kill*—I cannot stand Steven Segal movies. Segal's wife is murdered, and Segal is left for dead, WHO CARES!

Suggested by Norma Marquez

*The Brothers McMullen, Four weddings And A Funeral or The Pallbearer*. I can't tell you what they are about... I felt asleep the first ten minutes.

Suggested by Jason Toney

*Out to Sea*—Stars Joe Pesci and Danny Glover in a failed attempt at creating the humor in the Lethal Weapon Trilogy. The whole movie is out to lunch.

Suggested by Summer Cervantez

*Crimson Tide*—A slightly a boring film about a military submarine whose captain is all too eager to fire nuclear weapons. It is filled with violence and action and lacks in plot.

Suggested by Joan Fletcher

*Ace Ventura 2*—The characters are flat and unsuccessfully try to be funny. Even Jim Carrey could not make me laugh.

Suggested by Josie G. Garcia

*Jumanji*—Starring Robin William is the only film with Williams I have been disappointed.

Suggested by Veronica Aguilera

*Sprung*—A sappy comedy of love in '97. The characters were dense and had no substance. It sucked big time!

Suggested by Lisa Coleman

## Flashback to the 80's With The Wedding Singer

Getting married and having a big wedding has never been a priority for me, but I guess if it would be as exciting and filled with as many surprises like the ones in *The Wedding Singer*, I would sure like to have one.

*The Wedding Singer*, stars Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. It is a hilarious comedy about a young man named Robert Hart, played by Sandler, who makes his living by singing at weddings. He is also about to get married himself, but at

the last minute is stood up. He then becomes famous for wrecking and ruining other people's weddings.

Hart then meets waitress, Julia Sullivan, played by Barrymore. They become good friends and Hart helps Sullivan prepare for her own long awaited wedding. Admist all the wedding arrangements Hart finds out what a kind of man Sullivan's fiancé is and Robert and Julia end up falling in love with each other.

The film is filled with lots of funny scenes, such as the one where Robert is helping an old lady named Rosie rehearse a

song which she is going to sing for her 50th wedding anniversary. He receives as payment only two meatballs especially made by Rosie his payment.

Another great scene was when Hart was singing at a wedding and improvised the lyrics to romantic song according to what he was feeling for being stood up by his girlfriend.

The film is set in 1985 and has a lot of music written by Eddie Castellucci.

One of the film's goals is to take the viewers back to the time when there was no internet, cell

phone, or even roller blades. *The Wedding Singer* fills this goal brilliantly, especially with the wardrobe and hairdo of each character. Viewers are reminded of the the days of Madonna and Michael Jackson were people we looked up to.

This film was as funny as always, and probably due to this *The Wedding Singer* made more than 12 million dollars on its second week.

If you enjoyed Sandler in this movie, you may want to see him in his other films, such as *Happy Gilmore*, with co-star and host of *The Price Is Right*, Bob Barker.



**VERONICA AGUILERA GOES TO THE MOVIES**

## Upcoming Cultural Events in the L.A. Area

•"Liquid Mirrors," a fascinating collection of images of water surfaces that create beautiful patterns and colors, will be exhibited February 28 through April 8 at the Santa Monica College Photography Gallery, Room 216 of the Technology Building. Hours of the gallery are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call (310) 452-9289.

•The Getty Center now presents "Friday Nights at the Getty", an ongoing array of programs including: the cross cultural concert series "Sounds of L.A.," special "Point of View" gallery talks in the Museum, and contemporary dance, music, and theater performances by Los Angeles based performers. The Getty is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Parking is \$5 per car, and reservations are required for events. Please call (310) 440-7300.

•Creative Time and The Museum of Contemporary Art present "1- 900-ALL-KAREN" National Public Art/ Performance Project by Karen Finley. Starting February 28 and runs every day for six months. Finley will perform a daily message that audiences across the country can access. Listeners will have a more personal experience than ever before—a virtual one-on-one look at an artist. For further information, call Creative Time at (212) 206-6674 or visit their web site at [www.creative-time.org](http://www.creative-time.org).

•The Los Angeles County Fair presents:

•Frank Hawley Dragster Adventure

March 12 at the Pomona Raceway, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Information 1 (888) 901-7223, pre-registration is required

•Gold, Gem & Outdoor Treasure Expo

March 14 and 15 at Fairplex 7, Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information call Tom Rogers (909) 699-4749.

•Kavanagh Arabian Horse Sale

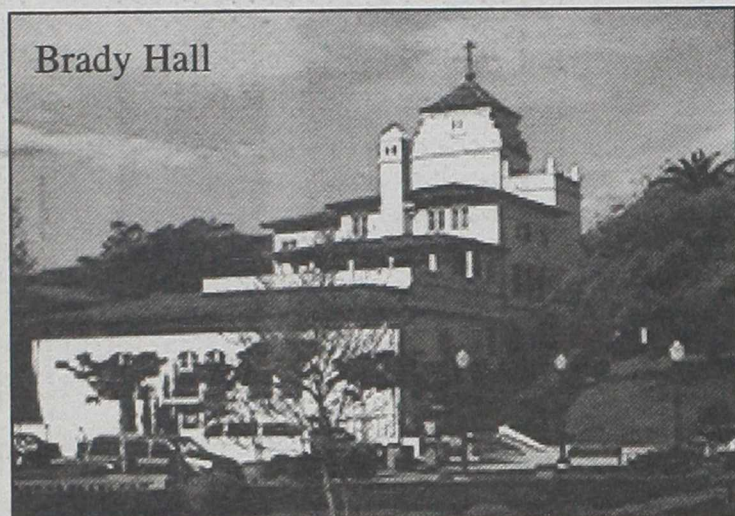
March 15 at Cattle ring No.2, 11 a.m.

For more information call Ron Kavanagh (209) 748-2212.



By Joan Fletcher  
Assistant Editor

Most people are aware the Mount was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Even others can tell you that it was founded in 1925, but where can you find the unique story behind the Mount?



Brady Hall

about the Mount.

In 1925, at the request of Bishop John Cantwell, St. Mary's College was founded by CSJ. Bishop Cantwell felt the need for a women's college in the diocese to which the graduates of St. Mary's Academy could attend.

The first few years of the Mount's existence were spent on the campus of St. Mary's Academy, an all-girls high school, located on Slauson and Crenshaw Boulevards in Downtown L.A., and is also run by the the CSJ. Twenty-five women attended the college in the first year.

In 1927, Mother Margaret Brady bought a piece of property in the Santa Monica Mountains. This would later become the location for the Chalon campus.

On June 16, 1929, ground-breaking started for Brady, the hall named after Mother Brady. That same year, commencement ceremonies were held for the first graduating class of the Mount.

In April of 1931, Brady Hall was completed and the college was able to move from St. Mary's Academy to the Chalon campus.

In the beginning, Brady acted as the entire

campus

The

ground

floor

included the cafeteria (which was nearly half the size it is today), and science classes, such as chemistry and biology, were located in what is now the faculty dining room. The library was in the northeast corner of the ground floor in what is now purchasing. In 1961, this room was turned into a printing room.

In what is now known as first floor Brady, math, French, and English classes were held. The second and third floors in Brady were dorms for

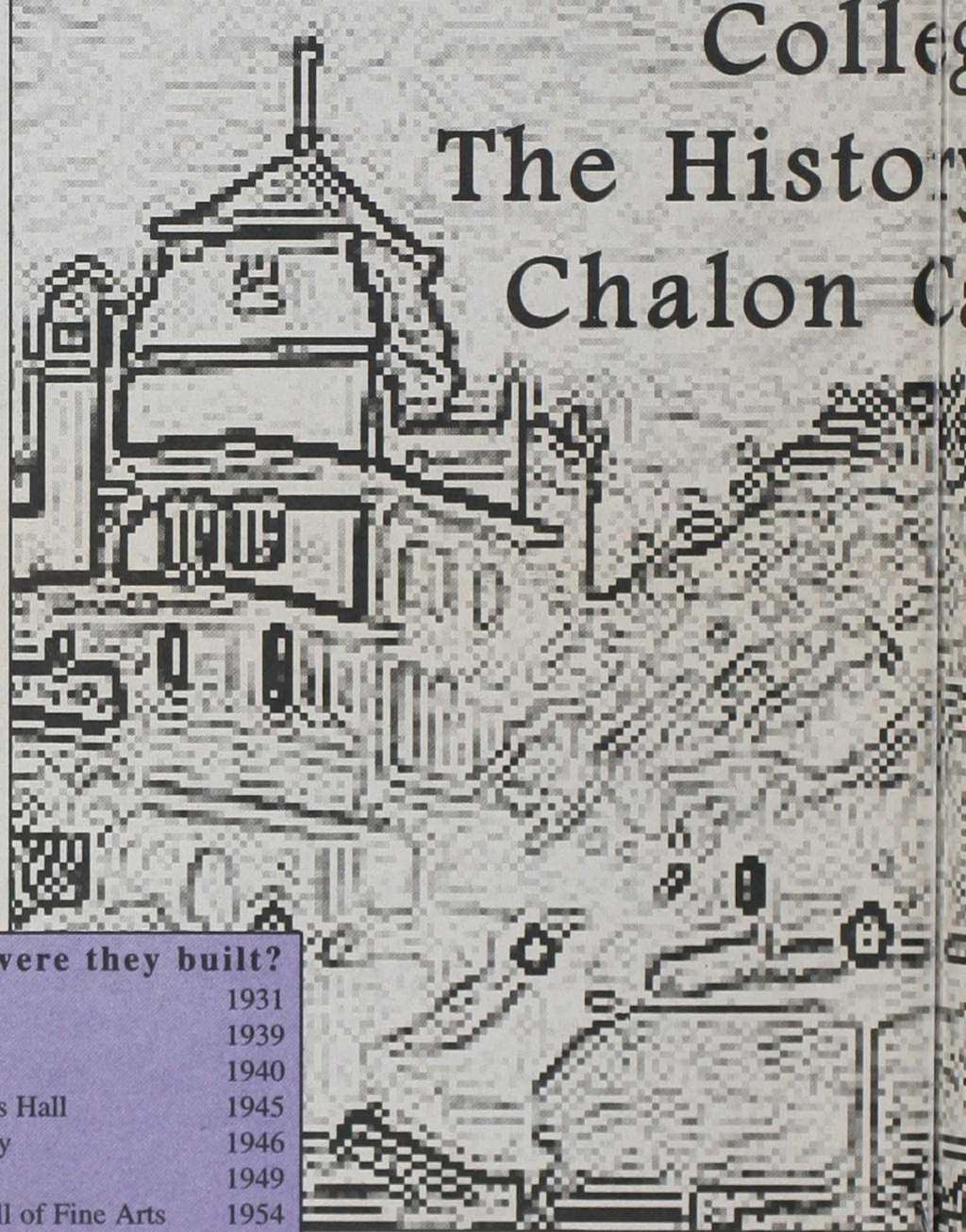
students and faculty.

In 1939, Mary's Chapel was built. It had been using two rooms on second floor for the chapel. The connection between these rooms, located on the second floor, had been left out so that they became a make-shift chapel until Mary's Chapel was built.

Soon after came Rossiter in 1940. Rossiter was built at the time and also included a parking garage. Rossiter remained that way until

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# Mount St. Mary's College The History of the Chalon Campus



## When were they built?

Brady	1931
Chapel	1939
Rossiter	1940
St. Joseph's Hall	1945
Coe Library	1946
Pool	1949
Marian Hall of Fine Arts	1954
Carondelet Hall	1958
Humanities	1964
Jose Drudis-Biada Building	1974

and forced changes in the building.

When World War II started, building was halted all around the country. The L.A. City Council gave a building permit to build St. Joseph's Hall which would benefit the country in the war. It is commonly known as the Administration Building.



St. Joseph's Hall



Mary's Chapel



The students and staff of the Mount floor Brady as a chapel. The part on the southwest corner of the building, one large room which was used as a was completed.

Rossiter was the faculty residence at garage. The part of Rossiter that now faculty lived and the rest of it was the until 1961, when tragedy hit the Mount

President's Office.

The Charles W. Coe Library was built in 1946 and was finished in 1947. The pool was built next, in 1949.

In 1954, the Marian Hall of Fine Arts was built. Both the Art Department and the Music Department were located in this building. In 1958, Carondelet Hall was built to serve as a student dormitory.

In November of 1961, tragedy struck the Mount as a spark from a bulldozer in a nearby residential construction area

started a brush fire which is known as the Bel Air fire of 1961. Flames rushed towards the campus from both sides of the valley. Students and faculty were evacuated and firefighters made camp at the college to battle the fire. The aftermath of the fire was devastating.

Marian Hall was completely destroyed. Inside the ruins lay a newly arrived art collection and several grand pianos. Rossiter was also gutted by the fire, but, unlike the art building, Rossiter could be rebuilt. In 1963, Rossiter was rebuilt and expanded.

In 1964, the Humanities Building was built and the music and art departments relocated to the fifth floor. The Humanities Building overlooked the former site of the graduation ceremonies, which were held on a grassy lawn called the bowl. In recent years, a parking garage has replaced the bowl to allow for more student and faculty parking. The bowl resembled an open-air amphitheater. The graduation ceremonies held there were elaborate and beautiful. They were occasions that the participants would remember forever.

In the early 1970s, the Jose Drudis-Biada Hall was built in honor of artist Jose Drudis-Biada. This building was built where Marian Hall had stood a decade before. The art department moved into the new building in 1974, but the music department remained on the fifth floor of the Humanities Building.

Another great change in recent years was the conversion of the Circle from a loop for parking to the more sophisticated quad-like setting.

As you can see, the Mount has a rich history whose surface we have only scratched. There are many more interesting stories about the history of both the Chalon and Doheny campuses. *The Oracle* invites you to take a look.

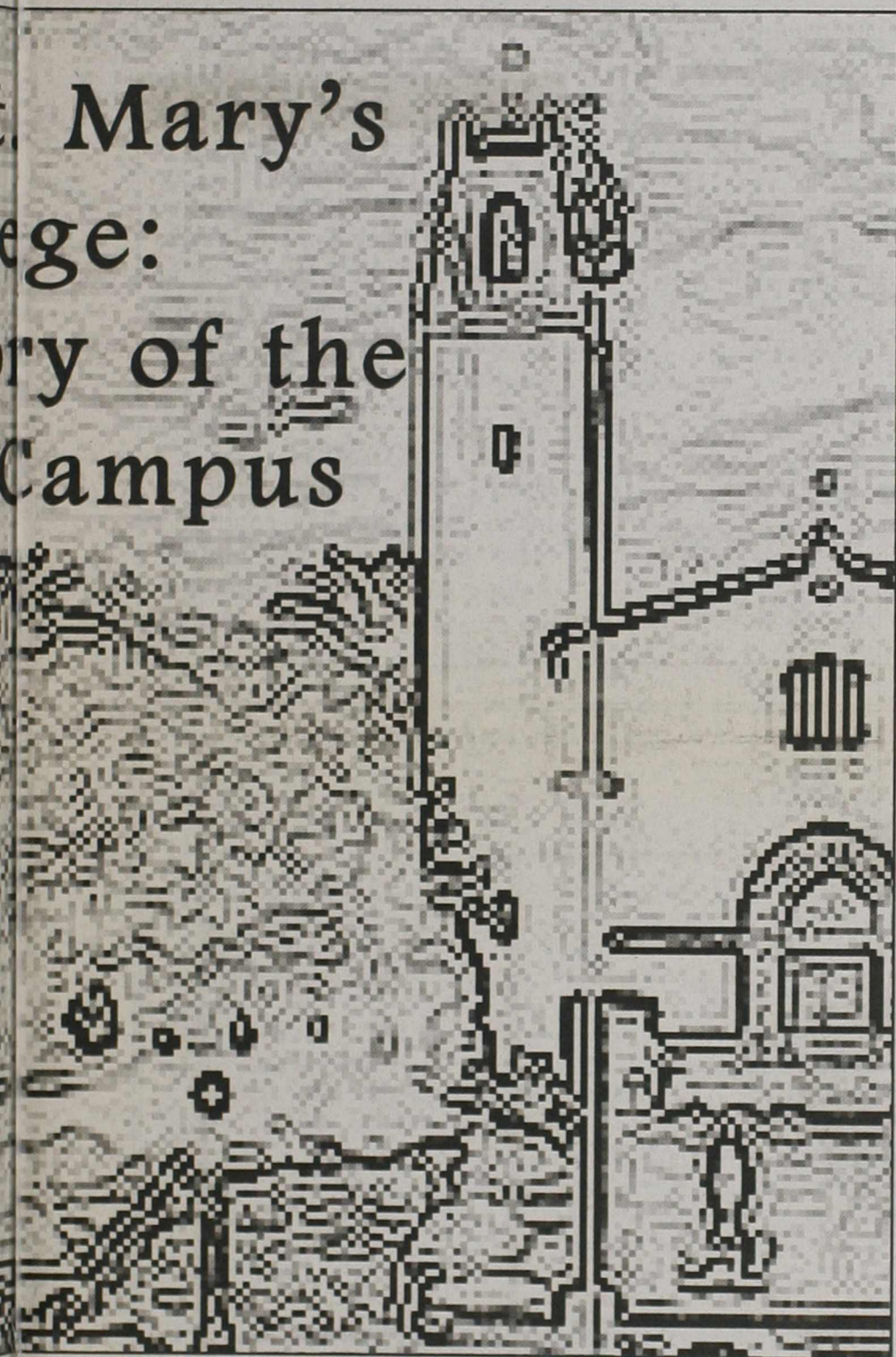
The place to start your research is the archives.

There is a great deal of information available in books and writings kept in the archives.



Rossiter

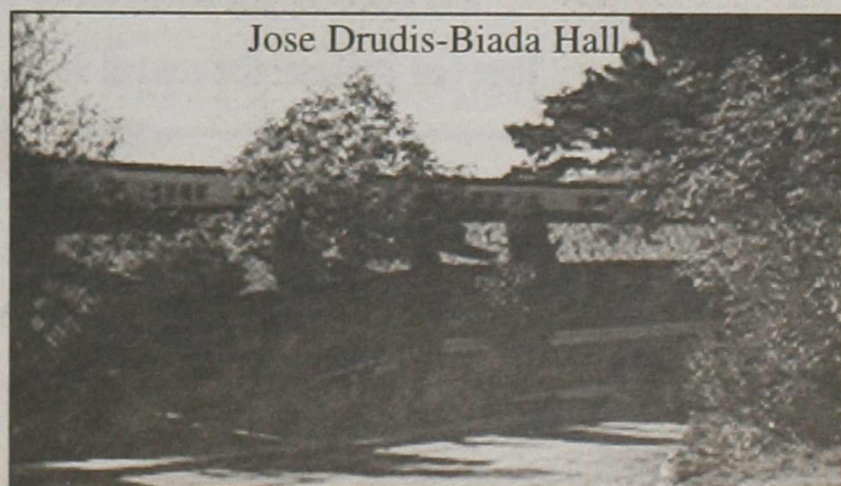
# Mary's age: ry of the Campus



ing unrelated to the war effort ceased Council granted the Mount a build- because it would house science labs, the war effort. St. Joseph's Hall, more on Building, was completed in 1945.

It was where the majority of the classrooms were located. Now, in place of classrooms is the Registrar's Office, which was originally located on the north end of the building across from the

Early Tuition Costs (per semester)	
1925	\$75
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1958	\$200
1961	\$250



Jose Drudis-Biada Hall



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# Should Atheists Be Allowed To Be Boy Scouts?

They operate a chain of stores to the likes of trading posts. These stores sell camping equipment, books and other paraphernalia. They also run camps that require parents to pay in order for their children to attend. In addition, they have outlets in national retail chains like JC Penny. And, according to American Civil Liberties Union attorney Jon Davidson, they pay a full-time staff and charge fees to its 5 million members.

Yup, you guessed it. The Boy Scouts of America. And boy, are they one huge business.

Over the past several years, the Boy Scouts of America have encountered a few challenges. One of which involves twin brothers William and Michael Randall from Orange County, California. At the age of ten, they were suddenly kicked out of the Boy Scouts because they refused to say the word, "God" as part of the cub scout oath and participate in the religious activities required for advancement in scouting. Now, at age 16, the twins continue to fight for their rights to be in the Boy Scouts, despite the fact they are atheists.

"I just decided I might as well be honest about it, rather than lie, because it could really hurt my integrity if I were to lie about this. I couldn't live with myself," William Randall related. The twins say they are not wishing for an atheist Boy Scout troop. They do not want to change the oath or anything of the sort. They just want to stay.

Another case is that of Tim Curran. The case originated in 1981, involving an 18-year-old scout leader from Berkeley, California. He was kicked out of the Boy Scouts because he was gay. Like the Randall twins, Curran has been battling his case ever since it originated many years ago. Now at the age of 35, Curran just wants the Boy Scouts of America to accept gay men as troop leaders. "The parents in my troop wanted to

choose me as a leader. They were informed. They knew me. It should have been up to them," he stated.

All this comes down to one simple thing—Are the Boy Scouts of America a business organization or a charitable organization? If they are deemed a business by the courts, they are forced to accept atheists and gays.

California's Unruh Civil Rights Act prohibits businesses from discriminating on the basis of religion, race, sex, or sexual orientation. Both of these cases claim violations of the California's Unruh Civil Rights Act.

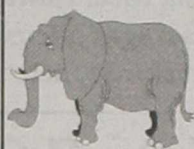
The lawyers for the Boy Scouts argue against atheist views and homosexuality by claiming a devotion to "traditional family values." This argument is not only empty but pointless as well. In 1996, Boy Scout leaders from Huntington Beach narrowly escaped prosecution for fatally stoning a bear in Yosemite National Park. Last year in 1997, the chief executive of the Boy Scouts of America was arrested for attempting to take a loaded handgun onto a plane. (He claimed forgetfulness). And lastly, three teenage Boy Scouts from Grass Valley fired B.B. guns at traffic on Highway 49. (They said they were practicing for a merit badge in marksmanship).

So you see, the argument for "traditional family values" is altogether strange. It contradicts itself in its entirety. The Randall twins, along with Tim Curran were banished from the Boy Scouts solely due to their utmost devotion to honesty. They were denied their rights for being honest individuals. They did nothing wrong. They did not kill a bear, they did not attempt to carry a loaded gun onto an airplane, and they surely did not fire B.B. guns at traffic on Highway 49.

In order for the Boy Scouts of America to regain public acceptance and support, they desperately need to broaden their minds and make some fast changes.



On the Left:  
Joyce Liu



## Political Voices



Who are the Boy Scouts? Are they simply a group of young men that get together after school to learn to tie knots and communicate by Morse code, or are they a religious organization that used activities, such as campouts, in an attempt to shape their young members? It is important to understand the Boy Scout's mission before deciding if they are wrong in denying membership to Atheists.

*"On my honor, I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Boy Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."*

This oath has bound a vast number of young men together since a Congressional charter formed the Boy Scouts of America in 1910. More than 90 million Boy Scouts have made a commitment to live by a code that assists them in developing their minds, bodies and souls.

It is a three part commitment, and to separate any of the three components changes the face of that commitment. The oath clearly spells out that a Boy Scout has as much a duty to be religious as he does to be trustworthy or thrifty. An individual that would pick and choose which of the law's tenets apply to him, would not be living up to the same commitment he is claiming to make.

If an individual removes God from the oath and the law, what is left? Helping others and staying fit are admirable goals, but to truly be a Boy Scout, one must accept the organization's principles as a package. An unavoidable part of those principles is the acknowledgement of and respect for a higher power. From its incep-

tion, the Boy Scouts have been an openly religious organization. Religion is an integral component in the life of a scout. The unique nature of scouting lends itself to being used by a number of churches as a tool in their young men's programs.

Freedom of religion is a fundamental right in our country, as is freedom of association. Just as an atheist can choose their own religious destiny, so can young men who believe in God and wish to fellowship together. To force a group to accept all who would apply, even those who hold beliefs contrary to the very mission of the organization is a grave mistake.

Numerous hate organization claim that their practices are religiously motivated. Should they be permitted to join groups that hold values they openly oppose? For example, if a member of the Ku Klux Klan maintained his beliefs are rooted in religious conscience, should an African American or Jewish group be forced to accept him? Or is there merit in the concept that being out of step with a group's values can exempt an individual from inclusion?

I am not equating atheism with hate groups, only illustrating that to force a group to accept an individual that has beliefs contrary to the group's purpose opens the door to situations that are uncomfortable.

If we as a society are truly committed to diversity, then we must permit it in all quarters. The Boy Scouts fill a place in the American landscape for young, religious men to grow in the manner they see fit. Instead of attempting to stop them in their mission, I believe time will be much better spent creating alternatives to fill a need that has now come to light.



On the Right:  
Kate Hartsfield



## She Said

Expressions from the Women's Studies Department...

The words Catholic and feminist almost sound like a contradiction. How can a person be both Catholic and a feminist? To be a feminist, one must work toward the equality of women in all areas, including social, political, familial and religious aspects (if one chooses to be part of a faith community).

To be Catholic is to be part of a faith community that is patriarchal and has excluded women from leadership roles in the church's hierarchy. Women are unable to participate in the priesthood and the diaconate. These two roles are essential to the sacramental life of the church.

The church teaches that since Jesus only ordained men,

his apostles, it is not possible for women to participate in the priesthood. This does not depict a picture most feminists would want to be a part of.

The church has done a lot over the centuries to marginalize women. One of the greatest secrets within the church is that in the early church, before the second century, women were ordained to the diaconate. Women were leading Christian communities, and the church did promote a more egalitarian setting. It was only during the second century that the church began to exclude women from these roles.

Jesus himself promoted equality. He was a man who

went against many of the societal norms of his time in an effort to include women. He talked with the Samaritan women at the well, which was considered unacceptable. Christ also had women

### Lisa Laguna Women's Studies Minor

friends who accompanied him. When he was resurrected, he first appeared to the women; and when he descended as the Spirit, we know that Mary, his mother, was among the apostles (the first priests) in the Upper Room. The Upper Room was a place where

women were not permitted. It seems to me, that for his time, Christ himself was quite a feminist.

Being a feminist in the Catholic church is a way of continuing the message of Christ—his message of salvation for all. Christ went against the norms of society and religion in an effort to minister to all. He asks nothing less of us.

So, back to my original question—can we be both Catholic and feminists at the same time? Can we continue to belong to a community that excludes women from participating in the priesthood and hierarchy? Is it possible to be a feminist in the Catholic church? YES!

The church has grown in the last 30 years. More and more women are taking leadership roles in the church. The sanctuary is no longer restricted only to men. Women are able to participate in ministry. Women are even preaching. It is beginning to look a little more like the church Jesus had in mind.

Can you be Catholic and feminist? Yes. Is it easy? No. Is it important to be both? Essential.

It seems to me that the question is not whether or not one can be feminist and Catholic. The question should be whether or not the Catholic church is able to embrace feminism. Think about it.



## SPRING BREAK '98

Spring break is only one week, but for most, it is an unforgettable week that lasts forever. Spring break, March 6 to the 13, is a week where most students take advantage of going to places like Mexico, Costa Rica, Hawaii, and sometimes even France. Where are the most common places students travel to during spring break and where are the best packages offered? These are two common questions students should take very seriously before making a decision about how to spend their spring break. So, here are a few suggestions on where students can start searching...

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Spring break does not just mean having fun or going to parties with friends. Believe it or not Spring break can be a giving and fulfilling experience. Students can actually visit many parts of the world, enjoy themselves, and feel good about what they are doing.

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## DONT GO BROKE FOR THIS SPRING BREAK

Many students might already have a destination in mind for spring break, but consider the flight prices to be too high. On February 12, Greyhound announced their "Spring Break" fares for students. Greyhound urges students to take a break without going broke by taking advantages of its special student discounts. Students

can obtain a round-trip go anywhere fare for \$98 or a 25 percent discount on regular fares with a three-day advance purchase and a valid student identification card.

Rita Bargerhuff, director of marketing for Greyhound stated, "this is an affordable opportunity for students to get home for the break or take that vacation they've

been thinking about all semester."

The special Greyhound discounts are available from February 23 to April 19, 1998. Students can purchase tickets and receive the discount until April 16. The discounts are not valid for travel during the Easter holiday blackout period which is April 9 to 13.

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## WHAT WILL MOUNT STUDENTS BE DOING FOR SPRING BREAK? AND WHAT DO THEY RECOMMEND?

"SANTABARBARA- EVERYBODY GOES THERE AND THEY HAVE A BLAST. THEY ALWAYS COME OUT IN THE NEWS."

Third year student  
Afrodita Fuentes

"I RECOMMEND STUDENTS TO GO TO ANY PLACE WHERE THEY'LL FEEL RELEASED AND TO TAKE THE TIME TO DO THINGS THAT THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO DO WHILE THEY WERE IN SCHOOL TO ENJOY THEMSELVES. SO THEY WILL NOT FEEL ANY KIND OF STRESS LIKE EVERYBODY DOES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR."

Second year student  
Rosa Martinez



"I WILL TAKE MY KIDS TO THE PARK, MUSEUM AND A PETTING ZOO. I RECOMMEND STUDENTS GO TO ROSARITO BECAUSE IT'S LIKE TWO SECONDS TO BREATHE BEFORE GOING BACK TO CLASS. YOUR BODY CANNOT BE THINKING ABOUT SCHOOL WHEN YOU ARE IN ROSARITO. THE TRIP WILL COST FROM \$50-250 A WEEKEND."

Third year student  
Cynthia Vega

"SAN FRANCISCO IS THE PLACE TO GO BECAUSE YOU SEE A LOT OF DIVERSITY. YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE. YOU CAN ALSO VISIT ALCATRAZ AND MUSEUMS."

Second year student  
Monica Martinez

"I RECOMMEND STUDENTS TO GO TO CABOS SAN LUCAS. THERE IS A LOT TO DO SUCH AS GOING TO CABO WABO CLUB. THE OCEAN IS ACTUALLY BLUE AND IT IS FROM A WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE HOTELS. THE ROUND TRIP COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$200 AND YOU WILL PROBABLY SPEND \$1,000 THE ENTIRE WEEK."

Second year student  
Tina Rosales



"I AM GOING TO RELAX AND DO ALL THE THINGS I DON'T GET TO DO WHEN I AM IN SCHOOL. I WOULD RECOMMEND STUDENTS TO GO TO THE BEACH PARK OR ANYWHERE THEY ENJOY THEMSELVES AND FEEL RELAXED."

Third year student  
Elida Davila

"THIS SPRING BREAK I AM GOING TO WORK AS USUAL. I RECOMMEND PEOPLE THAT WORK TO TAKE A COUPLE OF DAYS OFF. BUT I ALSO RECOMMEND THOSE WHO WANT TO TRAVEL TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO TO VISIT SAN SIMEON SO THEY CAN GET TO SEE THE HEARST CASTLE."

Third year student  
Cynthia Ortega

"IF I COULD, I WOULD GO TO MEXICO LIKE TIJUANA OR ROSARITO FOR A COUPLE DAYS. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO FAMILY OBLIGATIONS I WILL BE SPENDING SPRING BREAK IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA."

First year student  
Vanessa Perry

It does not matter where students decide to go or what they decide to do during spring break. The only thing that matters is that each does it in a safe way. Spring break is a week to take it easy, relax, and let go of all the stress students have accumulated throughout the first half of the semester. So, remember take a break without having to break your mind or even your pocket.

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## Doheny Intercom Invades Privacy

By Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writer

In 1984, the McIntyre building, the largest residence building at Doheny, was constructed, and with it an intercom was installed.

The intercom was originally to inform residents they had a guest, or to inform the student worker



The McIntyre building's intercom has been a subject of debate among students. (Photo by Moria Demby)

of any problems. It was also used to alert residents about emergencies, evacuations, or returning to their rooms after a fire drill.

Sr. James Marien Dyer, the former Director of Residence Life, said students frequently complained to her about the intercom. Dyer said many times the problem was a mechanical malfunction, such as a call light up button would light up even when no one had called. "I lived in the dorms myself, and I know when people turn it on," Dyer said.

According to Dyer, the intercom was repaired many times, but with time it became too expensive for the college to fix the system every time the intercom broke, which was often.

Norma Herrera, a second year student commented, "The intercom is very loud. At times, student workers call the wrong number and wake up residents."

Veronica Portillo, a third year student said, "The real problem is the mechanical difficulties of the intercom and the students who work in the lobby." She has seen student workers calling the wrong room and yelling over the intercom when announcing to residents they have a visitor. She thinks that the solution to this problem may be to have a better selection of student workers and repair the intercom.

"All the students who work at

the residence desk are interviewed by me, and I explain their duties and responsibilities," Alex Sosa, the Director of Residence Life explained. She clarified that student workers get trained on how and when to use the intercom.

According to Lucy Ramirez, a fourth year student and resident assistant, "Many girls do not want the intercom because they feel they do not have privacy. There

is a constant beeping that some of residents experience in their dorms."

She further explained that the constant beeping comes from the mechanical failures of the intercom. Ramirez believes the intercom will eventually be shot down because of the large number of complaints.

"The fear of being heard will [continue] to exist if the intercom is not fixed," Desiree Herrera, a first year student explained. She thinks that fixing the intercom will be the only way to settle this problem.

Other residents, like Cathy Hernandez, a third year student, think it is not fair for the residents in McIntyre to have an intercom while others do not. "If we use extension phones to call residents, student concerns will decrease," she concluded.

Alex Sosa said she has not heard a lot of students complaining about the intercom. "I heard one complaint early in January," she said. Sosa encouraged the student to attend the Residence Council meeting where concerns are made, and Sosa asked the student to make an appointment with her, but she never followed up.

"I need to know what exactly the problems are and if I hear concerns from only one student, I cannot take action right away," Sosa explained. She concluded that if students want the intercom shut down, they need to unite and voice their concerns.

## Women's Studies Program Undergoing Change

By Summer Cervantez and Joyce Liu  
Editor in Chief and Contributing Writer

At the beginning of March, the Mount's administration announced various changes that would happen within the Women's Studies program, beginning next semester. Many Women's Studies minors, and some faculty, expressed concern over this decision.

Dr. Jacqueline Powers Doud, the Academic Vice President, in an interview with *The Oracle* in early March, explained, "What is happening is not an affront to the program. While Regina Lark will no longer be the coordinator, the program will be under the History and Political Science Department and under the direction of Dr. [Fred] Simonelli...who has an excellent background in gender studies and race relations."

She continued, saying, "The infusion of the Women's Studies program into the curriculum is similar to the College's multi-cultural approach...and in this manner the Women's Studies Committee can help plan co-curricular aspects, such as examining syllabi."

Others however, disagree with Doud, "I am very discouraged with this decision. It represents a regression for the program...the person who will now be heading the program has no academic credential in Women's Studies," commented Dr. Michele Dumont, Philosophy Professor and Chair of the Honors Program.

On March 23, at a Women's Studies Committee meeting, Doud and Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President for Student Affairs, were invited to attend and speak with the committee and some students that were present.

Dumont chaired the discussion of the changes in the Women's Studies Program. She questioned Doud about the College "losing the only person with academic credentials in Women's Studies," and also brought up concern with difficulties over next year's coordination, citing concerns such as advisement. She made various references to a self-study of the Women's Studies program by the Curriculum Committee, called attention to faculty hiring guidelines and quoted from the Mount's Women's Studies

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## Church of Christ Solicitation Leads Campus Ministry to Action

By Summer Cervantez  
Editor in Chief

Over the last month, Campus Ministry on the Chalon Campus, after receiving numerous reports of solicitation, has made a visible effort to inform the Mount community about the LA branch of the International Church of Christ.

"We are concerned about the ICC's systematic, high pressure tactics of recruitment," commented Gail Gresser, Directory of Chalon's Campus Ministry. "Our first concern is that our student's be informed...that they are aware and are able to take any necessary precautions," she added.

The ICC has over 143,000 members in 292 churches worldwide. "Its 10 percent-plus annual growth rate places it among the fastest-growing religious groups in North America," according to Randy Frame, a writer for *Christianity Today*.

Aside from the ICC's high pressure tactics, many have criticized its claim that it is the only "faithful remnant"

of the original Christian Church, its rebaptizing of Christians from other denominations, their strict tithing practices, the use of psychological manipulation and "bible study groups" to force compliance with conduct regulations, the use of personal confessions as blackmail, and the threats and harassment that many members who have tried to leave the church have faced.

Al Baird, an elder in the Los Angeles Church of Christ and one of the ICC's top spokespeople vehemently denies the group abuses its followers. He maintains the group's intense focus on evangelism and discipleship is grounded in Scripture.

"As we look around us, the job of evangelizing the world is not getting done," Baird said. "Jesus said to go and make disciples of all nations. God's plan for accomplishing that is revealed in the Bible. We're trying to be the church that follows that plan."

On many college campuses the ICC has been branded a cult, and has been banned on

40 campuses nationwide. They are known for recruiting on college campuses because college is a time of "religious questioning" for many students.

Kip McKean, the group's founder, was quoted in a 1996 interview with the *Miami Herald*, "We are not a cult. You don't have to shave your hair and give all your money to the church. But you do have to give your heart. In our minds, we are just trying to get back to the Bible."

While members of the ICC were contacted by *The Oracle*, all those contacted declined to comment.

Gresser is worried members of the ICC on campus may feel outcast as a result of all the recent publicity. She wanted to encourage students to be supportive of friends they may have in the ICC. "It is important, as their friend, you continue to communicate with them. Show your concern, but don't continue to push them, or you will push them away." She concluded, reminding everyone, "Campus Ministry is here to talk."



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# The Faces of Doheny's ASB

Norma Marquez  
Staff Writer

The Associate Student Body has two branches at the Mount. The one that most of the students have not heard of is the Doheny ASB.

The Doheny ASB, according to President Maria Veronica Martinez, "...serves under the same purpose as Chalon's ASB."

"The purpose of which is to assist all campus clubs, in any way and to plan out the major events for

the college, as well as a representation of students that go to conferences, meetings, seminars, or anywhere else that the Mount needs to be represented, those students as the leaders are the ones that attend and represent the Mount," said Martinez

According to Advisor Maria Lyons, "The differences between Doheny's ASB and Chalon's ASB are that both have different missions, yet, Doheny's ASB is a much smaller organization than Chalon's because they have 18 elected officers and 9 appointed advisors."

"Our structure is different in the sense that we operate on a more hands-on approach to issues and concerns that face Doheny students, through the use of ASB sponsored

programs and lectures," explained Lyons.

This is the first time that the Doheny ASB has advisors composed of sophomores that were in ASB last year which did not want to

next elections.

Maria Lyons' purpose is, "to train those students out of high school to become leaders and to meet the concerns of the students." Lyons also hopes "Doheny ASB members join the Chalon ASB when they transfer up there."

President Martinez added, "This year has been a great experience because the new incoming class brought with them an incredible amount of spirit and enthusiasm, the ASB team is a very dedicated and determined group of leaders."

One last ending thought from Lyons was, "that in my 8 years working with ASB this year's ASB is the highest in spirit that I've worked with in a long time. I feel blessed to be with these students that are full of energy and creativity."

The Doheny ASB holds their weekly meetings every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 to 12:15 p.m. in Building 7, on the third story.

These administrative meetings are for ASB officers only, but ASB does hold various forums that welcome students to voice their comments and concerns.

One upcoming event in April is a race summit in which students from the BSU (Black Student Union) join together with other races to reach out and talk about race relations.



Members of Doheny's ASB, seen here kicking off Siena Day, stopped to pose. (Photo by Moira Demby)

be elected because they are graduating and going on to Chalon. They have many other responsibilities, yet, they still wanted to remain active with the ASB, so they work with the newly elected students to do their job, advise them, and help them be creative.

The advisors also help them publicize their events, support changes in the ASB constitution and or the mission. According to Lyons, "the advisors are the helping hand of the ASB and this is a major difference from Chalon's ASB."

Lyons also added she has combined the leadership classes as part of ASB, for the purpose of having experienced ASB leaders. Hopefully this will encourage leadership students to join ASB in the

## MOUNT NEWS FLASH

News You Need to Know

Residence Life would like to announce the Resident Assistants for the 1998-99 year:

### HEAD RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

Aimee Jade Sison, Brady 1st  
Annie Lin, Brady 2nd

### RESIDENTS ASSISTANTS

Deborah Trendel, Rossiter Hall  
Jessica Hudson, Brady 1st  
Monique Dacay, Brady 2nd  
Sarah Conger, Brady 3rd  
Hawa Nazreen Sahib, Carondelet 1st  
Snahal Solanky, Carondelet 2nd  
Belinda Bonet, Carondelet 3rd  
Willow Bubul-Bennett, Carondelet 4th  
Brooke Pierman, Carondelet 5th

### CAREER/VOLUNTEER FAIR COMING TO MSMC!

Representatives from a variety of businesses, organizations, and social service agencies will be on-campus April 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to discuss volunteer, internship and career opportunities. More information is available in the Career Center, H200A.

### NATIONAL HISPANIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Will be held at the Biltmore Hotel on April 24...Workshops! Job Fair! Luncheon! Fashion Show! (Must have faculty approval to miss classes to attend!) SIGN UP IN THE ISAE OFFICE!!!

### BECOME A STUDENT AMBASSADOR!

Do you have a desire to work with and motivate high school students as they prepare for college? If so, the Student Ambassador position is for you. Come by H203 or call ext. 4145 for more information. Applications are due by April 9.

## 'I want my Jerry Springer!' Is Cable T.V. on the Way?

By Veronica Aguilera and Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writers

The Mount has been making some technological progress in the last few years and many new computer and computer programs have been installed. But what most residents are eagerly awaiting is for cable TV to be installed in their dorms.

Larry Smith, Assistant Vice-President for Information Services, who has been involved with a number of projects relating to technology, including cable at the Mount said, "There is wiring from the residence hall rooms to the closets on each floor for cable TV. The electronics for connecting the lines in the closets to the cable company or the signal repeaters are not there. They would be supplied by the cable company."

When asked what the current cable TV status was, Smith replied, "We are looking at costs and access for television access. It may be that satellite provides a better solution to MSMC for educational broadcasts as well as TV access."

Many colleges are already equipped with cable TV and also offer other special features in their residence halls. Why has it taken the Mount so long to catch on? Smith responded by saying that the Mount has had to go further in technology than other schools and is now getting to where it wants to be in terms of the technology at other colleges. According to Smith we are not fully there yet, but are getting closer. Before the installment of cable access, administration wanted telephone and computer access to be addressed first.

The major question of whether the technology charges will be included in the financial package or paid separately has not yet been determined. The only thing that is certain at the moment is that there will be charges, though the exact amount is still unknown. "A major discussion item is that the cable company would not want to connect individuals, but instead the school for each residence hall room, resulting in a very high bill each month to be distributed among the rooms," replied Smith.

Once cable TV has been installed, there will be a limit on channels, due to the fact that prices vary depending on the channels ordered.

The decision of whether to have cable TV in the residence halls is determined by the Office of Information Support Services and at the moment they are working through the timelines and proposed costs. The final decision will be made by the Administrative Council.

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## Jamiroquai: Latest Hits and Style

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

The latest CD by Jamiroquai entitled, *Traveling Without Moving* is a hit. Its futuristic funk combined with a jazz hip hop tempo keeps you moving, yet at the same time has you wondering what is coming next. And after you experience the first track, *Virtual Insanity* (my personal favorite) you will be begging for more of their megabyte orbit beats.

Jamiroquai's style is very unique on the cosmic tip, providing enlightenment and knowledge through orbital channels, yet their messages reach you loud and clear. This album more than allows you to join and experience the Jamiroquai vibe. It is, in all aspects, like a breath of fresh air for those listeners who like to explore the vast depths of the music pendulum. On an overall scale of cool, Jamiroquai is all that. Sony Music Entertainment Inc.

## Things Can Get Really Wild At The Movies

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

"They're dying to play with you" is the theme of the new film to talk about, *Wild Things*. *Wild Things* features Neve Campbell as Susie, Kevin Bacon as a detective, Matt Dillon as Sam Lombardo, Bill Murray as Lombardo's attorney and Theresa Russell.

The film is an erotic thriller which contains scenes of sailing on the beautiful sea of Miami, to the planned robbery of a threesome. The film is set on the swamps and yachting waters of Florida.

The story begins when a school counselor, Sam Lombardo, is accused by one of his students of rape. While the claim is false, the accuser is in love with him and gets upset by the fact that he does not want to have anything to do with her. The story begins to develop from here, after Susie accuses him of also raping her the year before.

Sam Lombardo is then tried and the judge absolves him of all charges after Susie confesses to Lombardo's attorney that everything was a set up. Lombardo is set free and he leaves his job as a counselor.

What comes after this is a series of surprises, one after the other, which the audience does not expect. The good guys turn out to be the bad ones.

The audience at first might think that the plot of the story is the sex crime mentioned at the beginning, but is then surprised to find out that the story contains many plots in one.

*Wild Things* contains some violence and strong sexual content not recommended for children under 16. It contains some very powerful scenes which would not be recommended for viewers who might get offended with erotic sexual scenes.

## RESTAURANT REVIEWS:

### The Oracle Staff Gives Their Suggestions

#### Go Now!

**Fuddrucker's.** The best meal, while I was growing up and now, lives in this restaurant in Burbank. True to the sign outside, they make the world's greatest hamburgers using fresh everything, including the buns made in house. The island in the center holds everything to tuck inside the bun, including liquid cheese! To top it all off their bakery sells an array of cookies and brownies.

Moria Demby

Thai at your service! If you love the taste of Thailand, you will love going to **Vim's Thai Restaurant**. Located on Vermont and 8th Street, Vim has a whole variety of Thai food for you to choose from, like shrimp and cashew nuts, or the spicy and sour shrimp soup. Oh, and don't forget the Thai ice tea.

Veronica Aguilera

**Monty's Steakhouse**, located at 1100 Glendon Ave on the 21st floor is my personal favorite. There is a lovely ambiance, great view of the city and scrumptious food (the stuffed shrimp wrapped in bacon is the best). Very pricey, but worth it.

Lisa Coleman

#### Stay Away!

Shakey's! There are not many places I can't find something I like, but nothing here appeals to me. The pizza is expensive and not all that great, plus their salad bar lacks ingredients.

Moria Demby

Do not go to Sizzler! Don't look at the pictures posted on the walls when making your order; especially if you are ordering steak because that is not what you are going to get. You'll be surprised when you get your order and see that the one on your plate is half the size than the one on the picture. Luckily, they have all you can eat shrimp!

Veronica Aguilera

**Black Angus**, located everywhere, is on my hit list. This restaurant bites and the steak is always burnt. I have four words for this spot, "Boo to the Angus."

Lisa Coleman

La Casa de Don Carlos is not a Salvadorean restaurant I would recommend. The food lacks

The **Spaghetti Factory** in Hollywood has a wide variety of delicious Italian food. Besides the great pastas, the service is wonderful.

Veronica Villanueva

For some good eating you must go to **El Cholo** in Santa Monica.

Although the Mexican food is not very authentic, it is still great. A must try on your first visit are the crab enchiladas, they are so tasty!

Josie Garcia

Since 1966 **Mama Cozza's Italian Inn**, in Anaheim, has served top quality Italian dishes. Once you step in the aroma from the kitchen and hear the Italian music, you feel like you are in Italy. I truly recommend this place!

Norma Marquez

**Westside Wok (Mongolian BBQ)** Located on the corner of Bundy and Wilshire, it may not look too enchanting from the outside, but inside a fun eating experience awaits. Here you get the chance to pack a bowl (only one!) with your choice of meat, noodles, vegetables and seasoning, then you get to watch as they cook your meal in minutes, right before your eyes.

Summer Cervantez

the necessary spices.

Veronica Villanueva

**Sbarro**. This is not Italian food, but mall food at its worst!! Their pizza tastes like cardboard and the tomato sauce is runny, not to mention nasty. Please, eat somewhere else!

Josie Garcia

**Burger King** is not my favorite place. It seems that no matter what Burger King I go to it is always dirty and the employees are rude. At one in Orange County and I saw cockroaches walking around in the dining room, the cashier messed up my order and the place was just plain filthy.

Norma Marquez

**La Luna Negra** in Old Town Pasadena. I regret the day I dined at La Luna Negra. The "authentic" Spanish food was too expensive in light of the small, underheated portions and incompetent service. If you are looking for a trendy place to be "seen," go here...if you want to get full, you'd be far better off elsewhere.

Summer Cervantez

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Norma Marquez

Staff Writer

### Aries (March 21—April 20)

A loved one will surprise you this month. Spring break fever will end and the results from midterms will start to sink in. Start planning a fantastic getaway with your buds for your upcoming birthday. Lucky days: 1,5,30 Lucky color: Burgundy

### Taurus (April 21—May 20)

Attention and good news will come from an unexpected person. All that midterm stress will start catching up, but do not let it get to you now. Your half-way there so keep on going. A love connection is in the air. Lucky days: 6,14,23 Lucky color: White

### Gemini (May 21—June 20)

You will feel energized about a recent success. Don't let your social life affect your hard earned grades this month. Watch out! One of your friends may not be what they appear to be. Lucky days: 8,16,25 Lucky color: Gold

### Cancer (June 22—July 21)

Your midterm blues may not have vanished during the break, but you will receive high marks on your exams this month. A summer getaway for your birthday bash and you just may just find your significant other. Lucky days: 9,18, 28 Lucky color: Red

### Leo (July 22—August 22)

You will not feel like partying nor studying this month, but movie rentals will do the trick. A new love will appear and you will have to choose between the old and the new. You will receive unexpected news from an old high school friend. Lucky days: 3,20,26, Lucky color: Orange

### Virgo (August 23—September 22)

Good fortune is on the way, but so is stress. Difficulties will arise in a relationship but just let nature take its course. A well deserved shopping trip will be the perfect cure for all your problems. Lucky days: 7,15,21 Lucky color: Green

### Libra (September 23—October 23)

Relationship at home will improve tremendously. Procrastination surrounds you, but good study habits will keep it away. You may have second thoughts on your future career. Lucky days: 2,10,19 Lucky color: Silver

### Scorpio (October 24—November 22)

A significant other will start hinting towards a serious relationship. Surprise money could be on its way. Siblings will leave you at peace for some time. Lucky days: 4,11,12 Lucky color: Peach

### Sagittarius (November 22—December 21)

A fight with a partner will result in tears, but they will come crawling back to you. The world on your shoulders will be lifted once your finished with a major project. Unexpected expenses are on the way, so start saving. Lucky days: 17,22,29 Lucky color: Teal

### Capricorn (December 22—January 19)

To avoid health problems this month, try not to stress out. A friend will turn to you for emotional support. Spring break bills will be coming in to leave an enormous hole in your wallet. Lucky days: 5,15,20 Lucky color: Purple

### Aquarius (January 20—February 19)

A new hair style may be a major flop. Don't let your emotions run wild over a new flame, they may not be what their cracked up to be. Now is the time to search for a jackpot winning summer job or internship. Lucky days: 13,24,27 Lucky color: Blue

### Pisces (February 20—March 20)

You will feel as if you are the center of attention of your peers but keep a level head for what is ahead. Various problems will be arising from either the transportation or financial realms, it is best to start seeking help now. Lucky days: 1,23,26 Lucky color: Brown.



## Senior Grad Fair



In preparation for graduation, seniors attended the grad fair held in the Campus Center on Monday, March 23. Students purchased class rings, cap and gowns, announcements, and more. (Photo by Moria Demby)

## Spotlight on Hawaiian Club: E Komo Mai Na Pua O Ka'aina

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

The Hawaiian Club, E KOMO MAI NA PUA O KA'AINA, is one of the newest editions to the Mount club family. Though the club has only been in action for one semester, it is already in full swing.

Advisement is under the careful eyes of Katy Murphy and Jade Smith, of the Admissions Office, and Anne Wilcoxon of the Education Department on the Doheny campus.

It is the brainchild of second year student and club President, Sarah AhHee, along with first year student and Vice President, Megan Carnate.

"We just wanted to bring about awareness of the Hawaiian culture and whoever was interested in learning about it," explained AhHee.

Because the Hawaiian culture is very diverse their whole agenda is to promote diversity on campus. According to AhHee this is also what

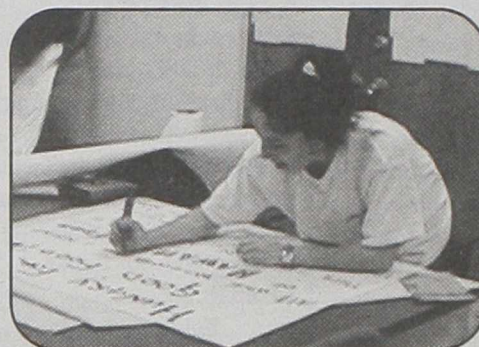
makes the club itself so unique, "the Hawaiian culture is so diverse, we welcome everybody to join."

The club already has a over 30 members and is steadily growing.

They plan on participating in Family Day, Multi-Cultural Night, and hosting an authentic Hawaiian dinner in the cafeteria if all goes well. Their future plans include fund-

raising, and a luau is also in the works for next semester.

Overall, their mission is to show that people from different ethnic backgrounds can coincide. For more information on meeting places and times check out the Hawaiian Club board on fourth floor Humanities.



Officer of Publicity, Christine Hernandez, a first year student makes a poster for the Hawaiian Club. (Photo by Moria Demby)



## An Outstanding Student to be Honored: Shannay Sampson



A full-time Mount student by day and a wife and stepmother by night is the way to describe 28 year old Shannay Sampson. A fourth year student, majoring in English, with a minor in Psychology, Sampson has no choice but to learn how to juggle a busy schedule.

She is an active member of ISAE and participates in the Student Ambassadors

Program, where she fills the position of Ambassador Manager. "We go to different high schools and help students prepare for college," she explains. Sampson feels that it is important to lead the "next generation" to a life of education because "they are our future." To top it all off she also attends Weekend College.

Her experience as a former College Urban Fellow is another contributing factor to her passion to work with children. "I like working with children because I have always done it...I also see the importance of children having positive role models," concludes Sampson.

This is one of the reasons why she

wants to get her MA in Education. However, this dream will have to take the back burner until 1999, so that Sampson can get more experience in the working world.

A personal life does not seem like it would be on the agenda for Sampson. "I do not even know what free time is!" she remarks. When she does have a rare moment to "relax, relate, release," she either spends it on monthly trips to Port Hueneme, or Arizona with her husband of two years and her 14 year old step daughter. Sampson also enjoys spending some quality time alone when she can relax and read.

As far as post-graduation plans go, Sampson predicts traveling in her forecast, "We are going to take the summer and travel before my life starts," she commented. After graduation Sampson would like to get a job in public relations, either in the entertainment industry or the public sector, or teach English.

The future seems bright and filled with many opportunities for Sampson. Any last words? "take advantage of everything that college has to offer," concluded Sampson. Sounds like some good advice.

By Lisa Coleman, Staff Writer

## Siena Day's History: The Unification of the Mount

By Veronica Aguilera & Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writers

Siena Day draws its name from St. Catherine of Siena, who was born in Siena, Italy, in 1347, and died in 1380. Since canonization, Catholics celebrate the date of her death as her feast day. During her brief 33 years, she used her talents to help her large family, the poor and sick of Siena, and those who came to her for advice and spiritual direction.

Sr. Magdalene Coughlin, former president and chancellor, was the initiator of Siena Day. She gave a glimpse into what gave birth to the Siena lecture series at the Mount in 1978.

According to her, "Siena Day each spring is intended to highlight the importance of developing and using one's potential for one's own time—but in a way the positively contributes to many—and to all time."

Through the years the Siena lectures, which were once held on the Chalon campus, evolved into what is now Siena Day, an all College educational festival held on the Doheny campus every spring.

In previous years, the event has featured such noted speakers as Abigail McCarthy, author and lecturer; Maya Angelou, poet and professor; Jack Smith, LA Times columnist; and Stan Chambers, Channel 5 KTLA news reporter.

Most recently, the annual celebration has focused attention on the continuing need to address the current events in society and has featured civic leaders and activists.

Although the event has changed in name and structure over the years, it continues to be grounded on its founding ideal, bringing together faculty, students, and staff in the spring for a day of intellectual discourse and good, old fashioned fun.

The co-chairs for Siena Day this year were Anne Eggebroten and Marie Zeuthen. They, along with other members of the Siena Day program committee, chose the logo "www.scitech.woman.com," the theme "Women's Leadership in Science and Technology," and colors were navy blue and silver.

The displays for Siena Day this year included exhibits from NASA/JPL, including a model of the Mars Rover.

There were samples of space food and an exposition of student sci-



Mount students are educated about Mars and the Mars Rover. Siena Day introduced a new view on women and technology. (Photo by Moria Demby)



Mount students get excited over eating real space food. (Photo by Moria Demby)

ence/technology research projects.

The program began in the Lecture Hall at 1:00 p.m. with a slide show, "Fitting In and Getting Ahead: Perspectives from Two Women in Aerospace." This year's guest speakers were Dr. Pauline Bennett, a Systems Engineer in Charge of Payload Analysis; and Stephanie DeBardelaben, who is Operations Leader of the Payload Module Mechanical Design Operation Unit of

Hughes Space and Communications Company. The program also had some views of the new Sr. Magdalene Coughlin Learning Complex.

Siena Day was a great opportunity for students from both campuses to come together to form one whole community. Students from both campuses got the opportunity to get to know each other better, making Siena Day a celebration of the Mount, and not just of Chalon or Doheny.



# Health Alert: BREAST CANCER

By Norma Marquez  
Staff Writer

Breast cancer is one of the most significant health issues for women. Every year this disease affects more than 180,000 women and about 46,000 of those women will die.

Breast cancer occurs when cells divide and when new cells are not needed, thus forming too much tissue. The mass of extra tissue is called a tumor.

Tumors can be either benign or malignant. Benign tumors are not cancerous and can be removed with a relatively low chance of ever returning. Malignant tumors are cancerous and can invade and damage nearby tissue and organs. The cancer cells can break away from a malignant tumor and enter the bloodstream's lymphatic system. The actual spread of cancer is called metastasis.

Breast cancer cannot be prevented, but early detection is the key to survival. If breast cancer is detected early, the rate of survival can be as high as 96%. However, only about 58% of cases are actually diagnosed in time.

One way to check for breast cancer is to administer a breast self-examination. The American Cancer Society recommends that women, even young women, should perform a self-examination each month.

## How To Perform a Self Breast Exam

The following method should be done standing up and lying down:

- (1) Use the pads of your fingers
- (2) Keep your hand flat
- (3) Move in up and down motion over breasts
- (4) Look and check for **any** changes
- (5) Check for lumps and leaks from breasts
- (6) Check every inch of breast

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

Phobias are the most prevalent anxiety disorders in the U.S. About 27 million Americans will suffer from an anxiety disorder at some point in their lives.

What usually characterizes an anxiety disorder is the element of fearfulness involved. According to Dr. Steve Dager, an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Washington, these disorders come about as a kind of impairment or overreactivity of the normal "flight or fight" response.

Anxiety disorders can be treated, but the majority of people who suffer from them do not receive the necessary care. Most people who suffer from anxiety disorders usually seek relief from physical symptoms such as heart rate and respiratory distress or nausea. These people also may not be or want to be aware of the emotional causes for the symptoms.

According to Dager, people worry about being labeled crackpots if they admit to overwhelming anxiety or fear. But there is evidence that these symptoms are the result of healthy coping mechanisms gone awry. Worrying about them tends to exaggerate their effects.

Phobias are characterized as one of the most common type of anxiety disorders. The fear felt from phobias is an intense and irrational one associated with a particular object or situation that leads to avoidance of the object or situation.

Some examples of phobias are the fear of snakes, rats, bats, dogs, spiders, heights, darkness, loneliness, commitment, and traveling.

Anxiety disorders are usually treated with a combination of medications and behavioral therapy. Treatment is individualized for each patient, depending on the severity of the symptoms and level of function.

Some common medications for anxiety disorders include selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors, such as Prozac, tricyclic antidepressants, benzodiazepines or monoamine oxidase inhibitors.

"If you feel that your life is being ruled by anxiety and fear, and that your symptoms are having an impact on your relationships and daily life, you can find help," said Dager. "There is no need to live in fear."

## Some UNCOMMON Phobias

- Anablepobia—Fear of looking up
- Acarophobia—Fear of itching or of the insects that cause itching
- Alliumphobia—Fear of garlic
- Vestiphobia—Fear of clothing
- Xylophobia—Fear of wooden objects
- Pupaphobia—Fear of puppets

## Ten common myths about Breast Cancer:

- 1) Having fibrocystic disease increases your risk of breast cancer.
- 2) Coffee increases your risk of breast cancer.
- 3) Only women with a family history of breast cancer are at risk.
- 4) Mammography is 100% accurate in early breast cancer detection.
- 5) Younger women don't have to worry about breast cancer.
- 6) A diagnose of breast cancer is an emergency.
- 7) A mastectomy ensures that the cancer is gone forever.
- 8) A breast cancer diagnosis is a death sentence.
- 9) Breast self-examinations done routinely will find all cancers at a curable state.
- 10) Only women get breast cancer. (There are about 500 cases every year of breast cancer in men).

# The New "Ology" of LOVE



Lisa Coleman  
speaks on  
"Whatever!"

Love is tender.  
Love is kind. Love endures. Love is...nonexistent in the 90's. Now don't get me wrong, I don't mean that love has totally been eliminated. What I do mean is that the idea of love has taken a whole new direction. Gone are the days of letters professing undying love. Gone are the days of sitting on the beach waiting for the sun to set. Gone are the days when love used to mean just that "true love."

Nowadays, all anyone wants to do is "hit it and split." You know what I am talking about. You see it in the streets, at clubs, malls...almost everywhere! "Pimpology" is taking the nation by storm and leaving nothing in its path.

This new "ology" of the 90's has men and women vying for the title of "Pimp/ette of the Year." This new "ology" of the 90's doesn't look at people for what they are on the inside, but for what they have to offer.

The new love question is not "Hi, what is your name?" but more along the lines of "Will you go home with me tonight?" (I know everybody can feel me on the last one).

But don't lose hope, you just have to be up on the game. Believe me, love in a pimp/ette's world does not consist of romance and emotions. It is based solely on the material and exterior. To make a long story short, love in the 90's boils down to two concepts--sex and money. If you are not willing to abide by these vital "pimp/ette" requirements, you are basically dissed and dismissed.

I am not necessarily trying to player hate, just make people more aware of this ever spreading ideology. Yeah, yeah I know there are a vast number of people out there who still believe in that "old school love," but realistically they are not the majority, (and you know that I am telling the truth). And if you are one of the lucky ones that has found that special someone, listen to En Vogue's advice and "Hold On To Your Love."

## PHOBIA POLL

### What are Mount students most afraid of ?



"Death and getting bad grades."

-Stephanie Grey  
Second year student

"I'm most afraid of jay-walking when I do panic."

-Sandy G.  
Second year student

"Driving," I get really tensed and nervous.

-Nazreen  
Second year student

"Heights, I start to panic."

-Susan Chu  
Fourth year student



"I'm very afraid of near collisions on the 405 freeway. My heart starts racing and I feel my stomach sink into my abdomen."

-Sylvia Perez Vallejo  
Third year student



"Being in very small or closed places. I start hyperventilating and looking for a way out. A very close second is drowning."

-Anna Maria Lopez  
Fourth year student

"Surgical amputation, I would be devastated."

-Jessica Gonzalez  
Third year student

Photos by Moria Demby



## Angela Davis



Angela Davis (1944- ), a professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, has been a spokeswoman on racial and economic issues, as well as women's rights, for more than twenty years. Author and activist, born in Birmingham, Alabama, she was influenced by the Civil Rights Movement and became a controversial activist and Communist Party member.

In a trial that received worldwide attention she was acquitted of all charges in connection with the Soledad Brothers murders in 1971-72. A prominent lecturer, and teacher, she wrote *Women, Race and Class* in 1980. It is women like her that make the women's struggle a little easier.

By Lisa Coleman, Staff Writer

## Anna Mae Bullock (a.k.a. Tina Turner)



Anna Mae Bullock was born on November 26, 1939 in Nutbush, Tennessee. She was the daughter of a sharecropper. She moved to St. Louis at the age of 16, and it was there where she met Ike Turner and the Kings of Rhythm. She began singing with Ike Turner while she was still at Summer High School, and was then known as Tina Turner.

Tina and Ike Turner got married in Tijuana with a quick ceremony, which later turned out to be illegal because Ike had never divorced his first wife. Ike Turner took control over Tina's life and forced her to work tough hours. He would beat her if she did not keep up with the schedule. In 1969, they reached popularity when they opened for the Rolling Stones. But Tina Turner could no longer take Ike's dominance and abuse. She had even tried to commit suicide and, luckily, was unsuccessful.

In 1975, she decided to walk out on him with no more than thirty-six cents and a gas station credit card. Some people thought Tina Turner's career had come to an end because she would not be able to survive professionally without Ike Turner's support. But she did not want to have anything to do with him, and therefore left him everything. Freedom was more important to Tina Turner than money.

Tina Turner was able to get ahead and survive with the help of Buddhist chants and Australian manager Roger Davies. In 1984, she won three Grammy Awards, including Record of the Year for "What's Love Got To Do With It." She also went on the twenty-five-country Break Every Rule Tour in 1987 where she broke box-office records around the globe. She became the world's greatest advertisement for the benefits of divorce and aging.

Meanwhile, Ike Turner was in jail for drugs. But in 1991, he and Tina Turner were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Tina Turner's autobiography *I Tina* became the best seller and was the basis of the 1993 movie *What's Love Got To Do With It*.

Tina Turner has proven throughout her life to be a very strong woman, capable of confronting and handling any situation. She should be admired for being a woman who has never given up and has kept on going no matter what. Tina Turner's desire to get ahead has made her the woman she is today.

By Veronica Aguilera, Staff Writer

## Shirley Bassey



Shirley Bassey is well known for her performance of the title song for the 1964 James Bond movie, *Goldfinger*. She was born January 8, 1937 in Cardiff, Wales. Growing up in a poverty stricken area known as Tiger Bay, she faced hardship and discrimination.

Bassey's father was a West Indian sailor, accounting for her dark skin. Her mother was English, which did not lend for much defense against discrimination in this Welsh area.

Bassey left school in her early teens to work in the packing department of a local factory. To supplement her meager wages, Bassey began singing at local men's clubs. At the age of 17 she turned professional, beginning her long, successful career as a singer/performer with a distinct sound. Now 61, Bassey released another hit album in 1993, entitled *The Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber*.

By Moria Demby, Photo Editor

# Women's History Month



As most Mount students are aware, March was Women's History Month, a time for all people to come together and acknowledge the contributions women have made to our society.

We especially celebrate the points in history in which women received certain undeniable rights such as voting. We also honor the great women and men who have helped fight the battle for justice.

Women have historically been viewed as inferior or somehow less than men. Their accomplishments have been underappreciated throughout time. Many reforms and changes in society were needed and people, such as those involved in the original women's movement helped these changes to happen.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement in the U.S. In Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848, the first Women's Rights Convention was held. On that day, women banded together to show that they wanted their rights to be respected.

It all started on July 13, 1848 in upstate New York. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was invited to tea with four female friends. When the topic of conversation turned to the situation of women, they expressed their discontent. Only 70 years earlier, the American people had fought for freedom in the

American Revolution. The status of women or slaves throughout these years. For women, the struggle for rights in the US began. The Seneca Falls Convention and their convention and movement in the local neighborhood called "a convention to discuss civil, and religious concerns of women" and was held in Seneca Falls, New York, 1848.

There was immediate impact on the press. Local newspapers often printing the news of the women involved in an attempt to embarrass them into giving up their objectives and leaders. The press were surprised when the articles caused positive movement from the public community.

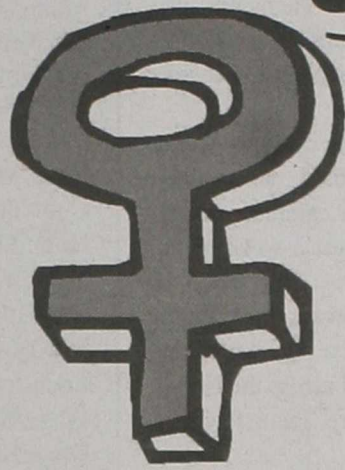
The publicity of the convention caused it to spread throughout the country and conventions were held



Women's History Fairs were held on both the Chalon and Doherty campuses. Students looked at the informational groups. (Photo by)



# History Month



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The movement of the late 19th cen-  
tury addressed a wide range of issues,  
mentioned in the Seneca Falls  
Convention. Many great women, such as  
Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone,  
and Sojourner Truth lectured and orga-  
nized events throughout the country for  
the next forty years. Eventually, the topic  
of discussion was narrowed down to the  
right to vote. It was believed that women  
could attain the power to make other  
reforms if they could vote. The opposi-  
tion was strong, but after 72 years of  
fighting, women won the right to vote in  
1920.

After the vote was won, many  
women were satisfied, but a few, such as  
Alice Paul, were not. She "understood  
that the quest for women's rights would  
be an ongoing struggle that was only  
advanced, not satisfied, by the vote,"  
according to Bonnie Eisenberg and Mary  
Ruthsdotter from the National Women's  
History Project, 1998.

Today, women are continuing the  
fight and many still feel the same way  
Paul felt. Equal rights in every aspect  
have always been the goals of the move-  
ment. This year, the national theme of the  
month of March has been "Living the  
Legacy: Women's Rights Movement  
1848-1998." This theme encourages us  
to continue celebrating women's contri-  
butions throughout the year.

By Joan Fletcher, Assistant Editor



were held on Thursday, March  
and Doheny campuses. Here,  
information provided by various  
photo by Moria Demby)



Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)  
was born in Florence, Italy, but  
was raised in Derbyshire,  
England. She was the woman  
that pioneered nursing and  
reformed hospital sanitation.  
Her father, William Nightingale,  
encouraged her to get an education  
because he felt women should be edu-  
cated. During the Crimean War, Nightingale and 38  
other nurses provided services for the wounded at the  
Scutari Hospital. Nightingale used mathematics as her  
greatest means for improving sanitation in hospitals.  
Nightingale used statistical data gathered from the hos-  
pital to prove sanitation reduced the mortality rate at  
the hospital by 42.7 percent.

As soon as Nightingale's sanitary reform was put in  
use, the mortality rate in hospitals began to decline.  
Among the many awards she received were two in sta-  
tistics. In 1858 she became Fellow of the Royal  
Statistical Society and in 1874, she also became mem-  
ber of the American Statistical Association. Her writ-  
ings include, *Notes on Nursing*, the first nursing text-  
book, *Notes on Hospitals*, and *Notes on Nursing for the  
Laboring Classes*.

By Norma Marquez, Staff Writer

**Florence Nightingale**



Jeanette Pickering Rankin was born  
on a ranch in Montana on June 11,  
1880. In 1916, Rankin won  
Montana's republican primary  
and became the first female  
member of the House of  
Representatives.

Soon after, in April of  
1917, then president Woodrow Wilson  
called for a war resolution to enter WWI. Fighting  
against pressure from fellow representatives and the  
feminist majorities' desire to mainstream their appear-  
ance, Rankin was the only member of the House to  
vote against entering the war, saying, "You can no  
more win a war than you can win an earthquake." Her  
unpopular vote cost her the next election, but Rankin  
continued to promote pacifism and anti-war protests.

In 1940 Rankin again ran for the House and won.  
Soon after, the 77th Congress was asked to vote in  
favor of entering WWII. Again, Rankin stood by her  
beliefs in pacifism, saying, "As a woman I can't go to  
war, and I refuse to send anyone else." Again, she was  
not re-elected.

She returned home to Montana and continued her  
work in pacifism while fighting for the advancement  
of a women's health education program, especially for  
poor women. Rankin died on May 18, 1973. In her  
memory we can find the strength of a woman who  
possessed great integrity and a sincere concern for the  
world she lived in.

By Summer Cervantez, Editor in Chief

**Jeanette Pickering Rankin**



Amelia Earhart, the oldest from a  
family of two, attended Hyde Park  
High school and excelled in sci-  
ence and math. She had her own  
quick methods of solving prob-  
lems in both subjects, which  
amazed her teachers. After gradu-  
ating from high school in June of  
1915, Earhart attended a private wom-  
en's college at Ogontz School, near Philadelphia. Later  
that summer, Earhart volunteered as a nurse's aid in  
WW I in Toronto. Then, she devoted herself to nursing.

One day, after watching in horror as an airplane  
and its pilot seemed to fall toward her out of the sky,  
she became interested in the navigation field. Years  
later, after some 20 hours of instruction, she made her  
first solo flight. She was determined to have an airplane  
of her own. Six months after her first solo flight and  
prior to her 24th birthday, Amelia was able to put a  
down payment on a bright yellow kinner Airster which  
she named "The Canary." The lack of money was a dif-  
ficult obstacle for her to overcome because lessons cost  
around \$1,000 dollars, a huge sum in the 1920s.

Earhart, America's "First Lady of the Air," became  
an icon in the 1930s. New York honored her with the  
distinguished "Flying Cross." She was the first women  
to receive this rare and highly coveted award for a civil-  
ian aviator. Thanks to her daring, the field of naviga-  
tion opened to women.

By Veronica Villanueva, Staff Writer

**Amelia Earhart**



# Attention Poor College Students...This is for you!

By Norma Marquez  
Staff Writer

Summer is just around the corner and for many of us it is time to go job hunting. Instead of working at a fast food restaurant or at the mall, how about working with kids in the great outdoors as a counselor or a life guard? You can do all this and more if you land a job at a summer camp. Summer camp jobs are just one of the many opportunities available to college students this summer.

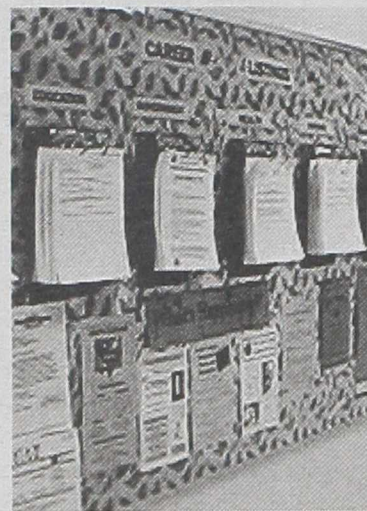
According to Monica Lond, Director of Career Planning, "It is a good time to start thinking about summer jobs!" Summer jobs are not the only thing that are available this summer. There are also great internship opportunities available as well.

Kimberly Mosby, Internship Coordinator, further advised "...internships are extremely important...internships give a student hands on experience before graduating. Internships enable students to use their classroom knowledge in a safe nurturing environment, they build up student resumes and affirm the career that a student has in mind."

There are three types of summer jobs available to a student. The first of which are the typical summer jobs—such as those in malls, working with a parent and those at fast food restaurants.

The second type of jobs are those at a resort, national parks, and amusement parks. These jobs sound as if they are hard to find but in reality they are quite easy to apply for. Lond recommended the following: (1) Alaska-Denali National Park, (2) Disney Summer-Session, (3) Teaching Assistant Positions, (4) U.S. Department of Interior, (5) Glen

Canyon Recreation Area in Arizona, (6) Big Sky Montana Parks. For more information on these jobs you can check on the internet at [www.jobtrak.com](http://www.jobtrak.com) (Call the Career Center for the password)



Need a job? Check out the job board on the second floor of the Humanities building. (Photo by Moria Demby)

Lond warned, "Some of these positions may be closed but still get in contact with them to make sure they still don't have openings. If you are leaving the state you will most likely have to find your own housing and transportation. Check with the organization for more information and if housing help is available."

The third type of summer jobs are more adventurous. Summer camps can either be day camps or overnight camps. Day camps usually run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., depending on the camp. Day camps are usually at a park, or at the YMCA. The main qualification for this job is a person who likes working with kids, has creativity, and is able to keep kids going.

Overnight camps on the other hand may last the entire summer and could take place in a mountain setting, Catalina Island or at local campsites. There are also specialized camps such as sport camps, and camps for the seriously ill.

One such camp is Camp Ronald McDonald, where they give children a camping experience that can last a week or the whole summer. This camp in particular is always looking for volunteers. These summer camps are available all across the United States and there are a few that pay.

For more information about summer camps go to the Career Center and ask for the 1998 Summer Camp Employment Booklet or for more information checkout the on-line site at [www.greatsummerjobs.com](http://www.greatsummerjobs.com). Some of these camps have deadlines so hurry and apply.

Mosby advised that "one should start planning for an internship a semester before planning to do an internship." Most students do not do this, but the Career Center has the resources where companies are looking for people as soon as possible! So it is better to get moving! Mosby added, "Start early!" There are internships available from high school up to those doing post graduate work. Internships help a student really focus on their major or their future career goal you apply with hands on experience.

So with all these opportunities available what will it be, fast food or summer camps? The opportunities that the Career Center provides are infinite and they are awaiting for prospective students.

## SAMPLE THESE OPPORTUNITES :

### GOLD ARROW CAMP

Administrative Office  
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Newport Beach, CA 92660  
800-554-2267 or 714-7212-8318 FAX  
EMAIL: [mail@goldarrowcamp.com](mailto:mail@goldarrowcamp.com)  
URL: [www.goldarrowcamp.com](http://www.goldarrowcamp.com)  
Contact: Steve Monke  
How: Call or send resume or fax resume  
EOE: Y # Openings: Several  
Job Title: Group or activity counselor  
Job Type: Summer  
Location: Huntington Lake, CA  
Wage/Salary: \$138.00/week + room & board  
Days/Hrs: Summer Camp Schedule June 21-August 22, 1998  
Start: June 21, 1998  
Company Description:  
Summer camp for children ages 6-14. Located on Huntington Lake in the Sierra Nevada mountains.  
Qualifications:  
Completed college coursework equivalent to 1 year and be at least 18 years old. Experience with children a plus. Able to act as a positive role model.  
Job Description:  
GENERAL GROUP COUNSELORS OR ACTIVITY COUNSELORS IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: Water skiing, hydroskiing, sailing, windsurfing, wakeboarding, kayaking, canoeing, backpacking, hiking, arts and crafts, ceramics, drama, riflery, archery, motorboating, nature study, fishing, photographer and yearbook editor.

### FRIENDSHIP DAY CAMP, INC

2740 Waverly Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90039  
213-663-9801  
Contact: Ezra Weintraub  
How: Call  
When: ASAP  
EOE: Y # Openings: 20  
Job Title: Associate & Senior Counselors  
Job Type: Summer  
Location: Los Angeles, CA  
Wage/Salary: Senior: \$2000/Season  
Associate: \$1350/Season  
Days/Hrs: Schedule to be arranged (June 23 through Aug. 21)  
Start: June 23  
Company Description:  
Private, non-profit day camp for youths aged 5-15 years.  
Qualifications:  
SENIOR COUNSELOR: Excellent elementary school teacher or ability to give Associate a good learning experience.  
ASSOCIATE: College student going into work with children or any other majors.  
Job Description:  
SENIOR COUNSELOR: In charge of a small group of interracial, inter-cultural children ages 5-15 (1 adult to 3 children).  
ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR: No experience necessary. The only qualification is to love children. Excellent experience for those who plans to work with kids. Car allowance available.

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## Women's Studies

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Strategic Plan 1996-2001.

Under the Strategic Plan she emphasized two points, Goal Two, which states, "We will be one of the country's leading women's colleges;" and Goal Five, "We will cultivate open and effective communication in order to engender a spirit of cooperation and collaboration."

In response, Doud defended the changes. "I don't believe we have breached any process...I believe we have arrived at different decisions with the same goal in mind." In the earlier interview with *The Oracle*, Doud also commented, "There's no reality behind it [belief changes are being done to harm Women's Studies] ...my hope for the program is that it will continue to thrive ...and it is my belief this is more likely to happen with a full time faculty member."

Dumont also asked Doud why no member of the Women's Studies Committee was asked for their input on the decision. "I felt I already knew what you would want, and being here [at the meeting] has just confirmed those

beliefs," Doud answered.

At the meeting students were also given the opportunity to ask questions. Erika Jones, a second year student, asked, "How can we assure stability to the program?" Doud did not respond directly.

Near the meeting's end the future of the program was discussed. Dumont asked Doud, if the Committee "could at least get a commitment from Doud for the future of Women's Studies...that what is best for the program will be done."

Doud ended the meeting, saying, "I won't make any promises, not under these circumstances...and I will not be held to any particular action...and I want the student's to know, regardless, I respect your opinion."

After the meeting, students continued to express their feelings. "I am deeply saddened, disappointed, and outraged at the administrations lack of support for it's qualified women faculty and for it's Women's Studies students," said Marisela Hernandez, a fourth year student.

Andrea Greybehl, a fifth year student, said, "This decision is a crushing blow to the entire Mount community! Regina Lark is the most qualified and gifted professor

of Women's Studies on this campus."

Lark, who will continue to be the Women's Studies coordinator until the end of the semester wanted to "speak to the students in particular," and tell them, "The Mount is feeling the backlash against empowering women through Women's studies programs, a response similar to many other campuses...I encourage these young women, as they journey to embrace their families, friends and co-workers, to set standards of equality and justice...to express your strong 'voices, views, and visions' and to stay strong and fight the good fight. It's worth it, I swear."

The future of Women's Studies is now under Dr. Fred Simonelli, a current History Professor. Simonelli admitted at the meeting, that while he has some experience with Women's Studies in the historical context, "[my] background is not in Women's Studies."

Although Simonelli has commented he is not about to "let the program fail." He sees himself as being coordinator of the program, in part as being due, "to the small size of the institution," and believes "we must look forward and go from here."



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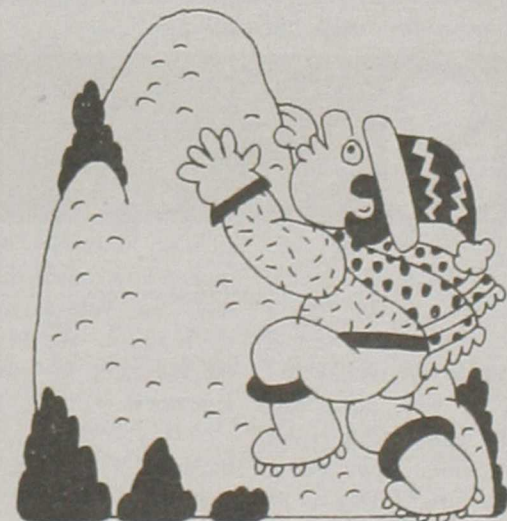
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## Varsana Staszak on The Joy of Studying Abroad

"London in the Fall, Paris in the Spring"... It almost sounds like a song, but actually it's my junior year abroad. I've been in Europe for the past 7 months, except for 3 weeks of winter vacation. I arrived in London on September 1, 1997, the day after Princess Diana died.

Richmond College, where I studied, was right next to Kensington Palace, where she used to live. So it was a dramatic time. The streets were crowded, I saw all of the flowers and messages left for her, and I cried when I watched her funeral on TV.

But a lot more happened during my fall semester in London. I met some great friends, had fun and learned a lot in my classes, discovered what I really like about America, and developed a broader perspective of this world. It's true—the simple fact that I'm in another country forces me to grow, to understand.

Spending time in another country changes a person, and in the lucky circumstances of being a curious student, it's a change for the better. That's not to say

that it's not difficult or I don't sometimes have feelings that I hate this place and I want to leave. But these challenges and negative aspects happen and are meant to be learned from.

I have experienced so many amazing things while living here. One of the best things is meeting people. Mostly, I've met fellow American students. I think it's important that we share this experience and truly bond and then return home richer. I consider these people my friends for life.

When I was in London, I had the incredible experience of taking advantage of the theater life. My classes included "Acting Skills," "Classical Acting," "Theater Production Workshop," as well as "Shakespeare and His World." I recited monologues and dialogues, was in a play, and saw every Shakespeare play that we studied in class, including one in Stratford-upon-Avon.

I also visited the towns of Oxford and Greenwich, the beautiful Hampton Court Palace and its gardens, Edinburgh in Scotland, and took several trips to the major museums in London—the Victoria

and Albert Museum, the National Gallery, the Tate Gallery, and the National Portrait Gallery—all free, at least for students. I regret that I didn't see more since I had the time and opportunity to do so.

Now, I am definitely getting to know Paris better than London. I live with a French woman and her 16 year-old daughter. They are extremely nice and hospitable. Since I don't live in a dorm like I did in London and all the classrooms and offices are spread throughout the city, I'm moving around a lot. In both Paris and London, getting around is very convenient because you don't need a car. You take the subway—which in London is called the "underground" or "tube," and in Paris, it's the metro. It's very different from Southern California. Unfortunately, there's still a lot of air pollution; I think there's even more than in L.A.

My classes are also incredible here in Paris. In my "Paris: Architecture and History" class, I am learning about the buildings and monuments around me rather than being a passive observer. Our field trips are fascinating. My apprecia-

tion for the history of Paris grows each time I learn something new. It's a thrill to know I can pass these monuments and actually be knowledgeable about them.

For my "Impressionism" course, we meet at the Musee D'Orsay and study the paintings as they are in front of us. After having loved Monet's paintings for so long, I feel quite an accomplishment when I understand the history of the pre-Impressionist movements. There's a lot more to a painting than meets the eye. And what's more, both these classes are in French, so I'm learning the language as well.

All this sounds pretty magnificent, and I must admit that it's incredible. But my experience here is not without its difficulties. The price of everything is higher than in the states. The cold weather, the foreign language, the unexpected commercialism, and the dirty and hectic side of city life can take its toll now and then. However, I have so much to appreciate—about living here and my life in Los Angeles. If anything, this study abroad experience helps to clarify what's important in life.

## Who Will be Left Standing?

I must have started this editorial a hundred times. Click. Click. Click. Delete. I have so many thoughts and feelings about the changes in the Women's Studies program, it was difficult to narrow them down into this small space. I have watched carefully over the past few weeks—attending meetings, doing interviews with administration and with students—in my best effort to uncover the truth for the newspaper, for my fellow students, and ultimately for myself.

Two things have emerged in my mind above all the others, emerged in the sense that it is difficult to think about much else.

First, it is my sincere belief that administration, in the face of pleas, by students and faculty alike not to do so, has dealt a vicious blow to the Women's Studies program. They have in fact heard the voices of those who will be directly affected, speaking for those of us who will be indirectly affected, and have chosen to ignore those voices.

The decision to let go of Regina Lark and put the Women's Studies program under the History and Political Science Department and consequently Dr. Simonelli, is final.

Second, because of this decision, a number of students are outraged, some are shocked, and many are saddened. I have heard students say they are leaving because of this decision. I have heard students say they have lost hope in this college because of this decision. I have heard students say they have been violated by this decision. I fear what is in the air is not a willingness to pick up and go on from here, but a willing-

ness to give up and embrace defeat. It is to those individuals I hope I may speak to now.

Regina Lark, the wonderful professor that she may be, is not the spirit of the Women's Studies program. The spirit is in the history of millions of women who have fought in the face of defeat, in the face of adversity, women who have fought even when it appeared no one was hearing them, and fought and even when no one did.

The program as it stands now is not dead. It is dead only if students let it die. It is dead only if students misjudge themselves, and in doing so misjudge Dr. Simonelli, thinking he is willing to let the program fail.

The heart of this college is not a few out of touch administrators, it is the students, it is concerned faculty and it is the message of education, community and enlightenment the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet founded it on. I hope everyone in the Mount community, especially the students, will remember this and hang on to it.

It does come down to the question of who will be left standing in the face of this change. Will it be administration and a Women's Studies program with no students enrolled? Or, will it be the students, who, in the face of adversity have decided the struggle is not over until they let it be.

Change is painful. Change for the worse is heart-breaking. Change left untouched, unembraced and unspoken of, is death. I urge you all to speak.

By Summer Cervantez, Editor in Chief

## Mount Students Too Apathetic

Students at the Mount are probably the most apathetic college students on the face of this earth! The lack of participation on this campus is not only sad, but pathetic! It also seems that everyone is ready to complain about things, but are never ready to do anything about it. For instance, you are reading this right now and probably saying "Yeah, those apathetic bunch of jerks," but have you ever stopped to think that the jerk is you?

Yes, I'm talking to each and every one of you who will read this article, if you get that far, and get angry about it, but will never do anything about it. "But, what can I do?" There is a simple answer to that question, no matter what you're talking about!

It's very ironic that this year RHA decided to battle against apathy, a battle they seem to be losing because students are unwilling to get involved. No one likes an apathetic person, but no one wants to think about who's really apathetic either.

There is way too much complaining around here and those same people who are complaining are the ones who aren't doing anything! If you have a complaint, don't wait for someone else to voice it! Do it yourself! You have a voice. It's time you learned how to use it. For instance, when you find this very offensive article in the newspaper, what do you do?

Chances are that you complain and moan about the person who wrote it, the

advisor, and the editors. "How can they print such things..."

Well, there is a solution to that problem. The first and easiest solution is to write a letter to the editor. For those that don't know how to do that, pick up a pen and a paper or sit down at a computer and type or write your letter! It's as simple as it can get! If you know how to read or write, which I sincerely hope you do, then you can respond!

By the way, is anyone alive out there? Just checking. It seems pretty dead out there to me. It seems like the same group of people are the ones who are always getting involved and the rest of us sit around like bumps on a log and do nothing but complain about how the others are running things. Well, it's up to you to change that.

The Mount is known for its leadership program and many students have taken at least one class that deals with this subject. Why is it that there are so few leaders! It is the sincere hope of *The Oracle* staff that the ordinary students out there who are reading this will see themselves in it and try to make an effort to change things.

As Women's History Month comes to a close, we should all sit back and look at ourselves to see our apathy. Only then can we make changes. Hopefully, some changes will be made and our campus can become the model of leadership that it should be!

By Joan Fletcher, Assistant Editor



## She Said

The Land of the Free



In 1920 women were given the right to vote, thanks to the courageous women who fought for suffrage. Before this we had no choice about who would lead the nation; we were powerless. This country, which prides itself on being the land of opportunity, has a long history of denying its citizens the right of choice.

We were told that we do have the right to have and make choices, but in reality we do not. For example, let's take the election of the President of the United States. In this great democratic country we do not get to have the

final say in who is President. No matter how much they tell you that your vote is important, it really is not. We do not appoint the President, the electoral college does.

This country calls itself the land of the free, but with freedom comes the right to have a choice. Choice over every aspect of your life, something that collectively women have been historically denied.

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. In *Roe v. Wade* the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a woman's

constitutional right to choose whether or not to have an abortion prior to fetal viability. This famous decision has had a lot of controversy surrounding it. On

By Diana Arevalo

### Women's Studies Minor

one side there are the pro-lifers, who have been designated as being anti-choice and anti-women. Then there are the pro-choicers, who have been accused of being baby killers and anti-family. These two sides are at

war with each other. One is fighting government intervention and regulation of women's reproductive system; the other is fighting for the right for each person to be able to govern their own body.

I am a feminist and I consider myself pro-life. But I am not anti-choice and I am not a man hater, as the name feminist might indicate to some. I believe that abortion is immoral, but I also believe in choice.

The denial of choice is a violation of human rights. By taking choice away from women, the

patriarchal system has succeeded in keeping women in subordinate positions.

The government needs to learn that it has to stay out of private lives. It needs to stop playing God. We will all be judged by a higher being when the time comes. Although I call myself a pro-lifer, I respect and will protect the right to have an abortion, if that is your choice; just as my right not to have one is protected by the law of God and man.

Let's celebrate and protect the freedom to choose this "Women's Herstory Month."







# The Oracle

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## It's Official: The Mount Will Shut Down

By Charlie Brown  
Staff Writer

It is unfortunate to see that after so many years of offering an education to women, this Classic American College, Mount St. Mary's will close down. After fighting against neighbors and the city, the Mount lost the battle and will have to shut its doors in the year 2000.

For a long time now, Brentwood residents had been filing complaints about the Mount students rushing by with their loud cars through the streets late at night. The Doheny neighbors were angry about the Mount building a new complex in a neighborhood which they have been trying to preserve for so

many years. All this came to an end on March 19, 1998 when Judge Harry Ellis from the Municipal Court came to the decision that the Mount should close its doors forever. The decision shocked all the Mount representatives present that day. When asked why he had come to such an abrupt decision, Judge Ellis declared, "this was not the first time the Mount has been accused of such incidents. There was clear evidence that it had happened more than once and that it

could happen again. Therefore, I just decided to end this situation once and for all by terminating



The shocking and unexpected news was announced during Siena Day. (Photo by Mr. Freeze)

the college's existence forever. "It is a like a living night-

mare," stated fourth year student Ana Marino. Marino, due to this year, is overwhelmed with the situation and feels that the Mount should not give up and should continue fighting. She, like other students, had already made plans to come back one day and probably teach at this institution, but is disappointed cease to exist.

Searching for answers, The Oracle went into the streets of Brentwood and Downtown LA to ask neighbors how they felt about the situation.

"I am real glad I will not be hearing loud cars speed through my neighborhood anymore," said Julian Johnston, a Brentwood resident who is excited about the results. She continued by saying that she had to call the police several times due to the fact that she was awoken by the loud Mount students going by her house at 4:00 am.

Robert Brown, a Doheny neighbor remarked, "Our neighborhood will finally be maintained the way it should be and will not be destroyed by modern construction." Brown, like others the Mount building a new complex in a historical Victorian style neighborhood, but feels satisfied about the resolution of the long standing conflict.

### News Brief: Mount Roaches Go On Strike

By Tigger  
Managing Editor

Chapter 473 of the California Association of Cockroaches announced yesterday that they will be on strike on campus until further notice. "We feel unwanted here at the Mount, and we think that should change," announced strike leader Louis Le Fleau who has been a cockroach at the Mount since 1929. The main reason for the strike was the food quality. "How do they think we can eat this stuff?" asked one roach, who wishes to remain anonymous, "After all we are roaches and we have nutritional needs." Roaches of chapter 473 also resent the fact that harmful chemicals are sprayed on campus. The strike leaders have requested a meeting with school officials, but so far the requests have not been taken seriously. Administrators have no comment on the situation.

## Snowstorm Strikes The Mount

By Ororo "Storm"  
Staff Writer

Recent El Nino conditions have wreaked havoc on Southern California. Unusual weather patterns have changed the normally mild conditions into harsher weather that is normally associated with the eastern part of the United States.

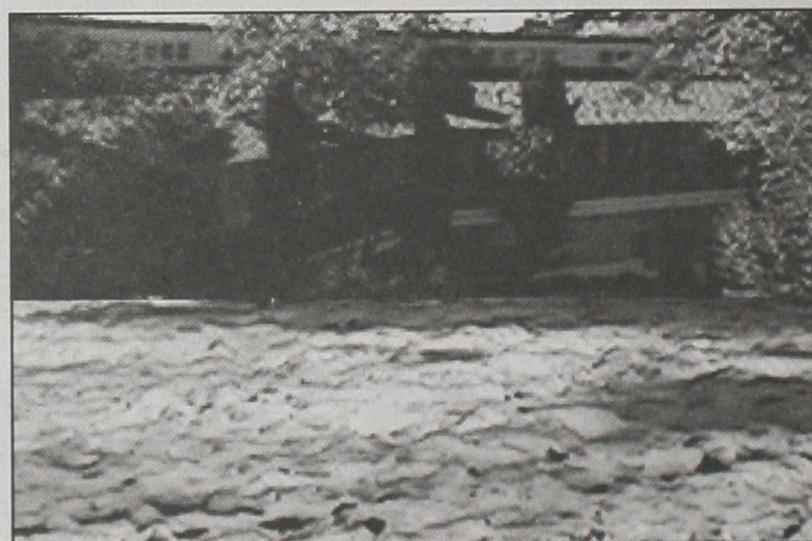
The Mount has also struggled with preparations for the unusual weather. The problems all started with heavy rains through December and January. El Nino-related mud slides have caused some concern for buildings that are close to the edge of the hillside, such as the Humanities Building. Students voiced their concern, but were largely ignored by the administration, who claim the Mount is prepared for anything El Nino can throw at us.

The battle against El Nino recently escalated when late one night a light pole was knocked out by a Brentwood resident who was recklessly driving too fast down Bundy. The power on the Chalon campus was out for three days. Unfortunately, most classes weren't canceled because the professors thought the natural light from the windows was sufficient to continue class.

The power outage, while unfortunate, was the least of the Mount's problems. On the third night of the blackout, a new storm system moved in, striking both Chalon and Doheny at once. Frigid temperatures caused many of the pipes to freeze and created difficulties in the old radiator systems. The next morning, as residents awoke to discover a blanket of snow three feet deep covering the Circle, commuters rejoiced in their own homes

because the 405, the 101, and the 10 freeways along with Sunset were all closed down due to the storm. Besides the fact that they had virtually no way to get to school, all classes were canceled for the week.

The freezing temperatures continued for a week and all residents were trapped at the top of the hill on the Chalon campus because no one owned snow chains and



The scene at the Mount recently. (Photo by Mr. Freeze)

the snow level in the area had risen to seven feet during a late night blizzard Sunday night. Though Chalon residents were happy that there were no classes for a few days, they found that staying on campus with nothing to do can be incredibly boring. Most residents became so bored that they worked on homework, actually catching up in all the work, projects, and unrealistic amount of reading they were supposed to have done thus far in the semester.

Doheny students, on the other hand, made the best of the situation by using the

empty days to relax and revisit their childhood. There were reports of students building snowwomen, hosting snowball fights, and creating snow angels. As the frozen week finally neared its close, the neighborhoods began to thaw out. While this presented few problems at Doheny, the warmer weather was making like miserable at Chalon. As the weather warmed and the snow melted, water streamed

down the hillside and right through the campus and flooded the streets below. Stuck on campus for another week, residents were starting to go crazy. Some were reported to have swam down Bundy into Brentwood or down Barrington to

Sunset, where they walked into Westwood. The UCLA frat parties were quite the scene as bored students from the area flocked to frat row to have some fun. The combined parties were so large that they ended up turning into a block party which shut down Gayley from Veteran to Le Conte. After weeks of boredom, students were glad to be off the hill. After a crazy couple of weeks, the storm completely dissipated and all remnants of it disappeared. Life began to return to normal at the Mount, but the students will never forget the crazy winter of 1998!



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## The How and Why of Tuition Increases

By Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writer

If you have ever wondered why tuition increases, Sister

Karen Kennelly, President of the Mount and Bill Everhart, Vice President of Business and Finance, explained that the main reason for increases is because college expenses also are increasing. "Every

year the Board of Trustees and the Administrative Council determine the tuition increase, which this year is around five percent," said Kennelly.

Everhart explained that the Mount has increased tuition

mainly because of the installation of new technology. He said advancing technology is expensive because computers, printers and paper have to be

purchased. Everhart added that it is even more expensive to maintain the technology and keep the software updated. Tuition increases have some students worried. Tuition seems

to increase a lot every year. Not only does tuition increase, but room and board does too," Susana Ramirez, a second year student, said. The telephone fee is an extra expense she must be concerned about next year,

besides the cost of her books and the tuition increase.

Kennelly and Everhart addressed the reasons for the increase in room and board, mentioning the installation of new cable wires, new microwaves, televisions, and furniture.

Also, the college has to pay many large utility bills. Besides this, the hourly wage of maintenance workers is increasing. They said this is because of the yearly increases in the cost of living.

Everhart added the cost of food is also getting more expensive every year.

"The salaries and the number of staff and faculty increases and therefore the expenses increase too," Kennelly said.

She explained that the number of faculty is increasing in order for the college to maintain small class sizes. She admitted that last year there were some pretty large classes, but said the college always makes an effort to keep them small.

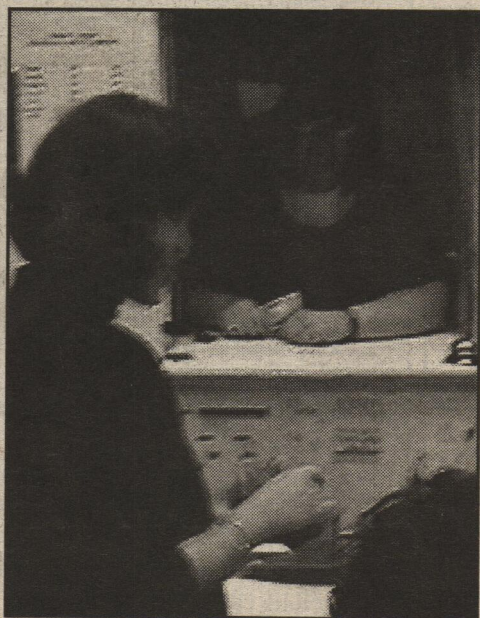
Arcelia Gonzalez, a first year student, believes tuition has increased at an unreasonable rate. She does not see the college spending money produc-

tively. "There are things that the college does not need to spend money on," Gonzalez said. An example she gave is the planting of flowers. She does not think we need new flowers every season, and instead thinks that money should be used to keep tuition at a more constant price.

However, even with the increase in tuition, the college still must account for another 30 percent of the yearly budget that is not paid for through the increases. For this funding the Mount relies on outside sources and organizations who offer or give the Mount various grants and trusts.

Daisy Martinez, a third year student, is also concerned with the tuition increase this year. "If the college continues to raise the cost, I will have to transfer to another school," Martinez said.

"When we plan on the yearly budget, we do take students into consideration. We know many students have to take out loans to come to the Mount," Kennelly said. Unfortunately the college is forced to continue to raise the cost of attendance as the cost of living and inflation continue to rise.



The Business Office is where students go for assistance about their accounts. (Photo by Moria Demby)

## An Update on the Spanish Program

## Including Students in the Hiring of Professors

By Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 4, a follow-up meeting to address concerns expressed earlier in the semester about the Spanish program took place in Hannon Parlor. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the agreement of having students participate in the hiring process of a full-time professor, and the selection of convenient class hours for the 1998 fall semester.

Currently, the Department of Modern Languages has received approximately 85 applications for the open full-time position. The hiring committee began the process by interviewing fifteen qualified candidates over the phone. Interviewing them by person will be the next step in which the department has said Spanish majors and minors will have the opportunity to participate.

Dr. Michelle Fine, Chair of the Modern Languages Department, commented, "I encourage students to participate in the process. I will put a sign up sheet next to my office for those students interested."

Sylvia Dallejo, a second year student, does feel the department is trying to take action upon students' concerns. "We will not know if something is really being done for students' concerns until next semes-

ter," she expressed. She said only time will tell if the necessary improvements are actually made.

Classes that are offered every fall will be available as usual, although most of the Spanish professors for next semester have yet to be announced. The only professor now known to be teaching next semester is professor Elvia Quijano.

Fine, in response to requests by students, plans to offer a Cervantes class every year, or at least every two years. She further explained that in order for the class to be offered consistently, there has to be a high interest and sufficient enrollment for the class. "If seniors want to write their thesis on Cervantes, independent study is available too. Not having the course offered should not be an obstacle," Fine proceeded.

Some students have wondered why only Spanish and French are offered. Fine believes that lack of interest is one of the main reasons other languages are not offered. "It does not make sense to offer other languages if we don't have high interest for them," Fine explained. In the past, the Mount offered Latin, German and Italian.

When Sister Aline Marie Gerber was the chair of the department, she offered Italian and German because she was fluent in several languages. From Fine and the

administrators point of view, it is better to have a full and strong class of a certain language, which at the moment is Spanish, than having various languages with a minimal number of people.

Teresa Morales, a third year student, feels that having only two languages is too limited. "In high school, Spanish and French are the only two languages offered. Therefore, I think every college should offer a wider variety of languages for diversity," Morales said. She continued by saying that Japanese is a very important language for business majors to learn because of interactions between Japan and the US in the business market.

"Many small institutions like ours also offer only two languages," Fine explained.

Fine said, "Different times makes different languages valuable." Spanish, for example, Fine concluded, is of particular value now because Southern California has a lot Spanish speaking people.

The dates for screening the candidates are still pend-

ing. Those students interested in being involved in the hiring process or who have comments can contact Fine for more information.

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## Family Feud



The Pelle family defeated the Navarro family in a rousing round of Family Feud during Family Day held Saturday, April 4. (Photo by Moria Demby)



# An Outstanding Student to be Honored: Jenny Hernandez

By Josie G. Garcia  
Copy Editor



Jenny Hernandez poses for the camera. (Photo by Moria Demby)

Advise-ment office, is part of an AIDS Dance-A-Thon team, is assisting Dr. Pamela Haldeman, professor of sociology, with a race issues forum, and was a pre-orientation leader this last sum-

mer. Resident Hall Association president, Jenny Hernandez, is a very active student on campus.

Besides being RHA president, Hernandez also works in the Academic

Hernandez, though, was not always focused on the importance of education. She admits that in high school her grades were not that great. However, with the help of one teacher, that all changed.

"When I transferred to Garfield High School, in East Los Angeles, I wasn't a straight A student. My history teacher, Mr. Bennett, saw the potential in me. As my grades improved, he asked me to be on the Academic Decathlon team. He pushed me and has impacted me the most," Hernandez recalls.

With his support, Hernandez decided to further her education by attending college. Majoring in History, Hernandez plans on working in a museum after graduation, and then getting her masters in either Museum Studies or Student Development and Leadership. During her second year

at the Mount, Hernandez served as president of Latinas Unidas. Now a third year student, Hernandez diligently works to reduce hall apathy as president of RHA.

Hernandez acknowledges that her job is very time consuming, with a lot of responsibility, "It's a lot of hard work to make RHA better." But, Hernandez made it clear that she enjoys doing her job, "I get a sense of satisfaction out of everything I do."

Aside from being RHA president, a position she hopes to hold again next year, Hernandez sees two other things as her greatest accomplishments this year—one is making the Dean's List and the other is becoming a member of Phi Alpha Theta, an honorary history society.

"Managing to do everything and getting on the Dean's List and in Phi Alpha Theta has made me very proud," Hernandez concluded.

## Election Time!

### ASB and RHA Prepare for the Coming Year

By Joan Fletcher  
Assistant Editor

It's that time of the year again, when classes get more hectic and the year begins to wind down. At this time, important decisions for the coming year must be made. This includes everything from room decisions for residents to new class schedule decisions, to the nomination and elections of officers for many clubs on campus.

Two of the most important clubs who have been preparing to fill their officer positions in the last couple of weeks are RHA and ASB. Many important leadership opportunities are presented through these clubs. Students who wish to get involved and who are looking for a chal-

lenge are encouraged to apply. It also looks really good on a resume.

The ASB elections were held on April 8, 9, and 14, 1998. On Thursday, April 2, a flier was sent out to inform students of who was running. The positions with people running were ASB President, Vice President and Chair of SAC, Chair of ICC, Senior Senators, and Sophomore Senators.

The RHA has also begun taking nominations for officers. Their elections are scheduled to be in the beginning of the week of April 13. Residents are encouraged to vote.

"Determination is a key characteristic of someone running for an office because you have to get things done," said Heidi Vasquez, who is running for Vice President of RHA.

## Deep Thoughts

By Suzi Schroeder  
Managing Editor

- If you tie a piece of buttered toast to a cat and drop it, which side will end up?
- Where did the word "marshmallow" come from?
- If it was only a three hour tour, why did Mr. Howell have all that money with him?
- Was Hamlet involved with Ophelia or not?
- In football, why are there quarterbacks, halfbacks, and fullbacks but no three-quarterbacks?
- Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
- Would a rose by any other name smell just as sweet?
- Why is pizza considered fast food if it takes 45 minutes to get to your door?
- Why are hamburgers called hamburgers if they contain no ham?
- Why do you ship things by truck but send cargo by boat?
- If con is the opposite of pro is congress the opposite of progress?
- Why do we drive on parkways and park on drive-ways?
- Who coined the phrase "Wearing your heart on your sleeve?"
- How do you coin a phrase anyway?
- If you pose hypothetical questions in the real world do you pose real questions in a hypothetical one?
- Exactly what is the orange stuff on cheetos made of?
- If cars have four-wheel drive, do 18 wheelers have 18-wheel drive?
- Is a working vacation really a vacation?
- Do roaches say "eww, it's a human" the way we say "eww, it's a roach?"
- Was mayonnaise invented at the Mayo Clinic?
- How long can you store SPAM?
- Why is catgut referred to as "catgut" when it comes from sheep?
- Does canned cheese serve a purpose?
- If 7-11's are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, then why are there locks on the door?
- Where does mystery meat come from?
- Do we want to know?

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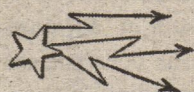
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## Mount News Flash

Are you planning to take courses over the Summer? Then step up and follow these steps...

**STEP 1** Seek advice from the Advisement Center on whether or not the class(es) you would like to complete at another institution will be transferable according to MSMC guidelines.

**STEP 2** Pick up the appropriate Transfer of Credit Clearance form from the Advisement Center. Transfer of Credit Clearance - General Studies Requirement Transfer of Credit Clearance - Major/Minor Requirement

**STEP 3** Complete the form by filling in all areas and obtaining the appropriate signatures.

**STEP 4** Submit the Transfer of Credit Clearance form to the Advisement Center.

**STEP 5** Complete the approved transferable courses for a grade (C- or better).

**STEP 6** Request an official transcript from the institution where you completed the courses and mail it to MSMC. You may also hand deliver the official transcript in a sealed envelope directly to the Registrar's office to insure delivery.

**STEP 7** Allow several weeks for delivery of transcript (if mailed) as well as processing time.

**STEP 8** Check with the Registrar's office to verify that your courses and total amount of approved units have been recorded.

### Kiss And Tell An Evening of Spoken Word

•Ferruccio Brugnario: Italian Poet

Born in Italy in 1936, Brugnario has published numerous books of poetry and is today considered among the leading poets of Italy. *Fist of Sun*, his first book published in this country was translated into English by Jack Hirscham. Many poems from this book have appeared in such magazines as *Arshile*, *Collisson*, and *The Anderson Valley Press*.

•Jack Hirscham: Poet-Activist, Translator

Born in New York City in 1933, Hirscham has translated more than 30 books of poetry from eight languages, and is a former UCLA professor. His Italian translations include the works of Santo Cali, Rocco Scotellaro, Pier Paolo Pasolini, and Anna Lombardo.

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### Easter Celebration

Celebrate the Easter season by joining the Easter Egg Hunt and decorating an egg.

When? Wednesday, April 15, 11:30-1pm Egg hunt begins at 12 pm.

Where? Circle (or the Campus Center if it rains)

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### Congratulations to Master of Physical Therapy student

Chris Kuhn.

He has been awarded the 1998 Catherine Lies Memorial Scholarship. According to a memo sent out by Cindy Moore in the Physical Therapy Department, the award is given to "second year Master of Physical Therapy students [and] is awarded for the final fall-clinical semester. The award serves to honor the student who most closely reflects Catherine's personal and professional commitment of others."

"The choice was difficult. The applicants each shared many of the exemplary qualities of Catherine, such as compassion and dedication to others, and to life-long education, and a commitment to excel personally and professionally. We offer our heartfelt wishes for their future success as physical therapists."



# The Era of the Zoot Suit and Swing is Back in the Music Scene

By Josie G. Garcia  
Copy Editor

## "Zoot Suit Riot" The Swingin' Hits of the Cherry Poppin' Daddies

Being played on various LA radio stations, "Zoot Suit Riot," by the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, is a catchy song reminiscent of the music of the 1940's. The rhythm of the song has a big-band, swing beat, while the lyrics speak of the factual 1940's LA Zoot Suit riots. The rest of the songs on the album, a collec-

tion of the band's greatest hits, likewise contains songs from the swing age. The lyrics, however, reflect today's society.

One such song, "Drunk Daddy," has a great beat that makes you want to get up and dance. But the lyrics, like, "He just keeps on watchin' TV/ Stepchild tired of being poor/ Kitchen smells like rotten garbage/ I can't chew my mouth is sore," which speaks of alcoholism and child

abuse, may surprise you. It is this combination of upbeat rhythm and sometimes serious lyrics, though, that gives the music of the Cherry Poppin' Daddies its variety and success.

Rather than matching the peppiness of the rhythm with happy, cheerful lyrics, the band twists the songs and fools you into believing that what you might think you are hearing is a happy-go-lucky song, when in actuality it is something quite different.

Hearing the song "Zoot Suit Riot," Nancy Sandoval,

a first-year student who has heard swing music before but is not too familiar with it said, "I like it. It sounds cute and has a nice beat."

Although the album drags at times, meaning some songs sound very similar, the Cherry Poppin' Daddies are able to keep the listeners entertained. With songs like "Brown Derby Jump," and "Come Back to Me," you are sure to want to find a partner and start swinging. If you are looking for some upbeat music to groove to, this album is definitely for you.

## Bring In 'Da Noise, Bring In 'Da Funk

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

On Sunday, March 29, the ISAE program took some of its members to experience and view one of the most spectacular shows in town. Rhythm, emotions and tap dancing are what make up one of the most extraordinary shows now being featured at the Ahmanson Theatre. *Bring In 'Da Noise, Bring In 'Da Funk*, is a provocative and original account of African-American history which one can enjoy through April 26.

Produced by the familiar theatrical figure, George C. Wolfe, *Bring In 'Da Noise, Bring In 'Da Funk*, consists of a cast of Derick K. Grant as "da beat" to the incredible voice of Vickilyn Reynolds who plays "da singer."

The play portrays the tale of slave ships and Hollywood, lynchings and race riots, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. Wolfe proves to the audience that electrical and sophisticated instruments are not needed in order to portray the reality of what will always remain an important part of African-American history. The tap dancers and musicians are able to express all their emotions and history with drums, pots, floors and feet bottoms. With all these unique instruments, the performers are able to dramatize the power and "da beat."

*Bring In 'Da Noise, Bring In 'Da Funk* is an energetic play that one is able to enjoy and learn from at the same time. It makes the audience become part of it from their seats, such as when "the Pan Handlers" appeared. Their rhythm made of pots and pans had the audience clapping. Some of Wolfe's new works include *Macbeth*, with stars Alec Baldwin and Angela Bassett and *On the Town*, which he will direct on Broadway in the fall.

## Rescued Puppy Visits Chalon



The LA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals shared this puppy and a kitten during the Career and Volunteer Fair held April 2. (Photo by Moria Demby)

## How Effective Is A Come-On Line?

Our grandmothers heard them. Our mothers heard them. Now we gotta hear them. What am I talking about?...I'm talking about the invincible come-on line. Boy, it really has withstood the test of time. From the cave days to now, the come-on line is back and in full effect, not that it ever left.

It comes in different forms and languages. It happens at different times and in different places. No mat-



Lisa Coleman  
speaks on  
"Whatever!"

ter what you do, its unstoppable wrath will be unleashed, and you will have to succumb to the insignificant words of foolery and deceit and....well, you get my drift.

But reader beware, for everybody falls prey to the almighty come-on line and if it hasn't happened yet, it will happen.

So hey, I decided to take my "whatever" self on a night out with my girls and get the word "straight from the horses mouth." Believe me when I say my girls and I "done heard it all," but this particular night took the cake. Here are some lines that won my "lame" award. Like to hear them? Here it goes:

### Victim #1 Wendy

• "You must be milk 'cause I like the way you shake."

• "I'm coffee and you must be cream, so why don't we mix?"

**Comment:** We found out that both these guys were friends, get the picture?

### Victim #2 Tania

• "Are those space pants you're wearing? 'Cause your butt is out of this world."

• "What's your sign sweet thing?"

**Comment:** I didn't think anyone used that line anymore.

### Victim #3 Yours Truly (me)

• "Baby are you okay? 'Cause you Peace Out

look like you just fell from heaven."

• "Girl, where's your wings? 'Cause you look like an angel."

**Comment:** There must of been a heavenly theme going on that night.

### Victim #4 Jessica

• "Your father must have been a thief, 'cause he stole the stars and put them in your eyes."

• "Can I borrow a quarter? 'Cause my moms told me to call her when I found my wife."

**Comment:** He also didn't have a front tooth.

Well, this is basically how our night went, and the lame lines kept coming and coming. I don't know what it was, but these men probably had us mixed up with someone who really cared.

At any rate, just thought I'd share these lines of lame, so don't sleep on it, cause you'll be next.

## What's Your Sign?

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

You may be surprised at the films you will be watching this month. You will try something along the lines of a historical film or flicks of greed and revenge.

Recommended videos: *The English Patient, Wallstreet*

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Money, Money, Money! This is the plot in the movie that will be perfect for you this month.

Recommended videos: *Dirty, Rotten Scoundrels, Indecent Proposal*

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You will find yourself down with blues this month. To lighten up this burden try an action film, or a biography.

Recommended videos: *Peace Maker, What's Love Got To Do With It?*

### Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Live a little! Watch something suspenseful, mysterious or gruesome this month.

Recommended video: *Seven*

### Leo (July 23-August 22)

Your inner-self will want to watch a romantic tear jerking movie; go for it.



Recommended videos:

*The Man in the Moon, Bridges of Madison County*

### Virgo (August 23-September 22)

This month the heavenly stars predict that you will enjoy a fun loving, adventurous or super funny movie.

Recommended videos: *That Thing You Do, Booty Call*

### Libra (September 23-October 22)

The law scales are going to be balanced this month and this will cause you to watch a law flick.

Recommended videos: *The Firm, From the Hip*

### Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You are tired of watching the same old genre of film, this month you will go for a family and friends type of movie.

Recommended video: *Soul Food*

### Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You will be staying clear from art movies, gooey smoochy love films while enjoying comedies and thrillers.

Recommended videos: *Nothing to Lose, The Game*

### Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Your inner-self will be seeking movies with romance, lost lovers, and movies that originated from classic tales to possibly even foreign films.

Recommended video: *Indochine* (French movie with English subtitles)

### Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

This month try watching something along the lines of a pointless comedy or unpredictable drama.

Recommended videos: *Good Burger, The Usual Suspects*

### Pisces (February 19-March 20)

During the month of April your idea of a movie or video will fall along the lines of a thriller or anything sexually adventurous.

Recommended videos:

*Kiss the Girls, Chasing Amy*





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Views like this one, at Yosemite National Park, are what Earth Day is all about (Photo by Moria Demby)

## APRIL EARTH DAY EVENTS IN THE LA AREA

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Malibu Creek State Park birdwalk. Bring binoculars, water and hiking boots. Meet in lower day-use lot. 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Call (818) 783-4293 for more info.

Help Habitat for Humanity put up dry-wall, apply stucco, and install insulation on a house they are building for a low income family. Call (213) 936-1340 for more info.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22—EARTH DAY

LA Works is sponsoring an Environmental Volunteer Orientation and Call to Action program. Program is from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Call (213) 936-1340 for more info.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

The Cal Tech Environmental Task Force is sponsoring an Earth Day featur-

ing music, food, and environmental display booths. Fair is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call (626) 396-3826 for more info.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Cal State Long Beach is sponsoring Kalediscopes '98 Earth Day Festival and Children's Day from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call (562) 494-1013 for more info.

The LA Chapter of the Sierra Club is sponsoring the Greater LA Cleanup. Call (213) 387-4287 for more locations and info.

The City of Manhattan Beach is holding their 28th Anniversary Earth Day Celebration at Polliwog Park from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## CONSERVE WATER AND ENERGY

Our environment pays a high price for all the energy we use. So, turn off those lights and electrical appliances when you are not using them and do not overheat your home in the winter. Try not to use air-conditioning in the summer, as all those air conditioners are helping to destroy the ozone layer.

Take care of the water, it is one of the earth's most valuable resources and clean water is becoming more and more scarce. So, fix your leaky faucet or toilets, take showers instead of baths, do not leave taps running when you are washing dishes or brushing your teeth. Keep the thermostat low so that hot water is not wasted.

### ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

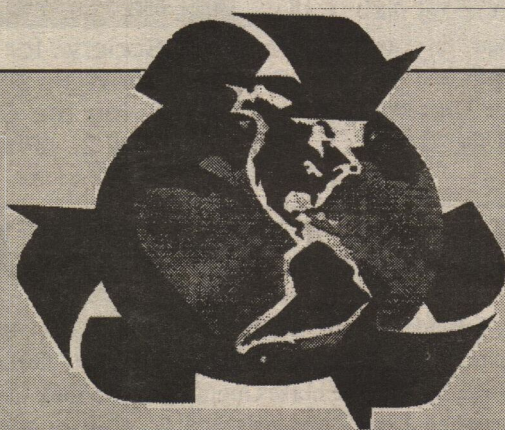
Solar energy: the sun's rays are stored in panels made up of batteries which then creates electricity

Wind power: a non-polluting renewable source of energy

Biofuel energy: is made from converting plant or animal waste into fuel

Geothermal energy: uses the inner heat of the planet to produce power

Last, but not least, don't forget your own *body energy*. If you take care of your body, it can be a renewable energy source for 90 years or so.



Earth Day. A day of awareness that we have a responsibility to Mother Nature. A day to analyze the right and wrong things we are doing to our environment. A day to realize how much work we have yet to accomplish. A day when people from all over the world come together for one purpose, to save the earth.

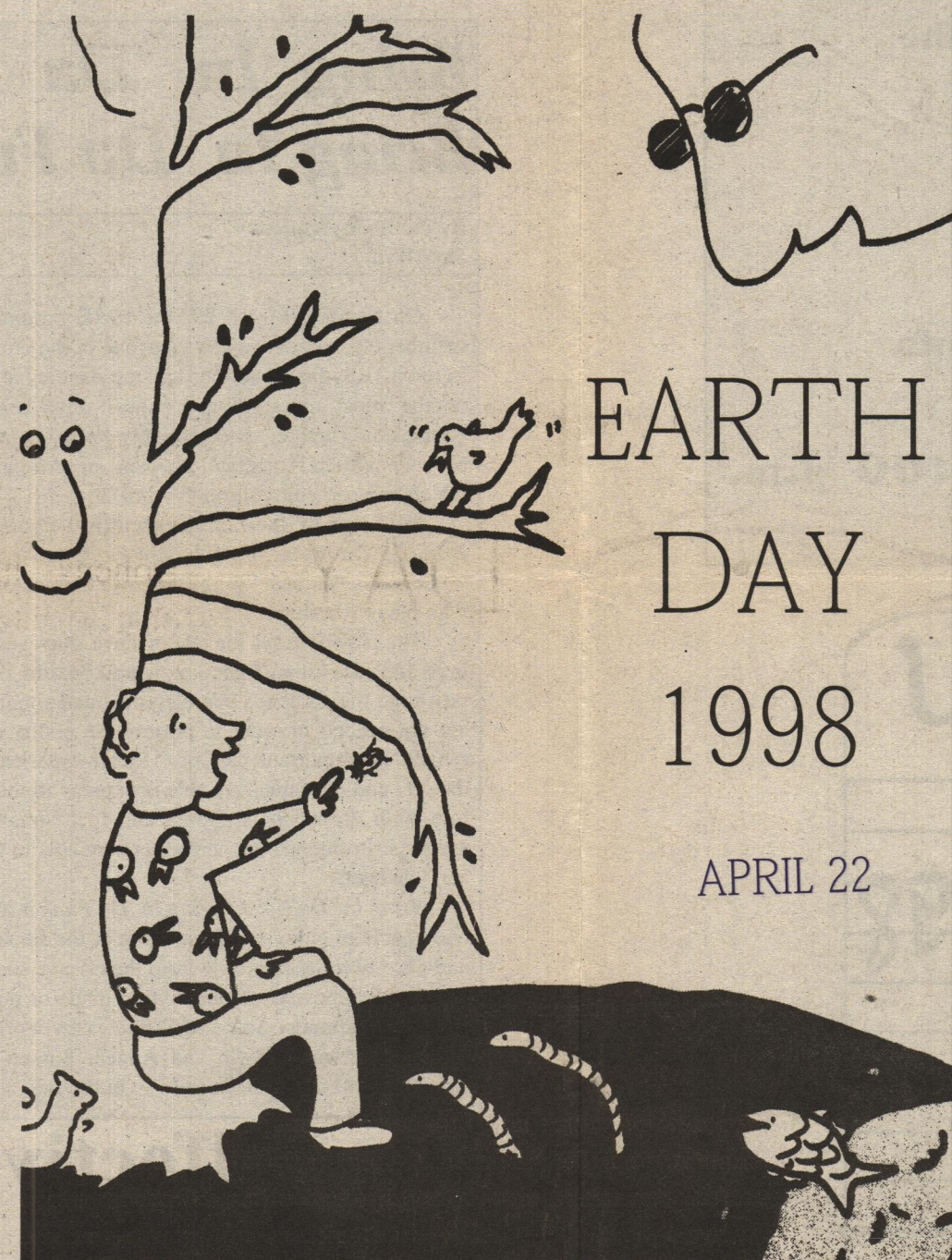
Yes, we are all responsible for the welfare of our planet. We are the ones who hold the future of our world in the palm of our hands. Little things, such as not littering and using non-aerosol products make a big difference in stopping the pollution that not only is endangering our earth, but our lives.

Some of you might be wondering what role the Mount plays in the scheme of things. At Chalon, if you have not noticed, there are aluminum bins set up around campus for recycling paper as well as cans. But on the other hand the cafeteria still uses mass amounts of styrofoam, which is not earth-friendly and is not recycled. Besides Sr. Mary Warhoff's efforts to collect tossed away cans, this is as far as we go. No plastics and no paper.

And at Doheny...Reduce, Re-use, Recycle! These three words are familiar to all Doheny students. It appears the Doheny Campus tends to be more earth conscious-

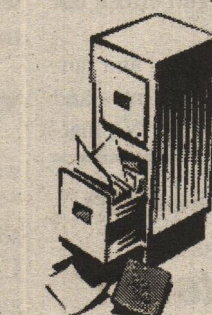
ness than Chalon. All around the Doheny Campus there are bright blue or yellow containers with various labels indicating what items for recycling can be tossed in.

With the help of Sister Maria Angela Mesa and the Ecology Club, Doheny has been able to have a successful recycling program. Almost anything is recyclable. At Doheny cans, phone books, newspapers, glass, white and colored paper are all recycled. Remember there are many little things you can do to make a big difference. Happy Earth Day!



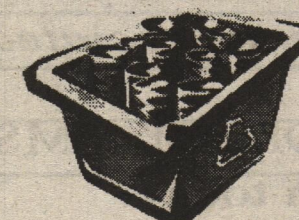
## BUY BIODEGRADABLE

Anything that is not biodegradable or that will not naturally decompose and be recycled by nature is a pollutant. We are surrounded by pollutants everywhere and it is each person's responsibility to reduce the amount of pollution on the planet and to constantly be thinking of ways to reduce all types of destructive waste to an absolute minimum. So, only buy products that are biodegradable if you want to continue appreciating the beauty of our planet.

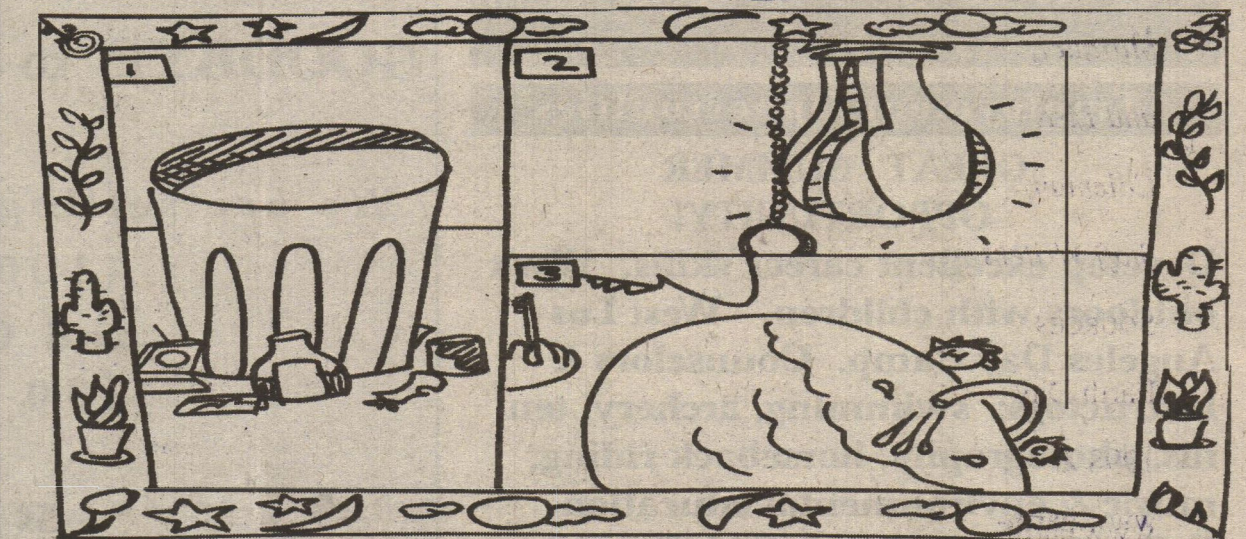


## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TECHNOLOGY, PUT IT ON THE COMPUTER AND CLEAN OUT THOSE FILE CABINETS!

The City of LA will be observing April as "National Records Review and Clean Your Files Month." This month long campaign is an annual event that encourages all businesses and agencies to clean desks, file cabinets and record boxes, and then to recycle all the unneeded paper. Every office worker in LA generates close to one pound of waste paper every day. This adds up to thousands of pounds of paper being stored in files and drawers that could be put to better use by being recycled. For more information on this event contact the LA Environmental Affairs Department.



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## LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

### OZONE LAYER DEPLETION

The ozone layer is a fragile layer of gas that surrounds the Earth in the upper atmosphere and protects us from absorbing ultra violet rays from the sun, which can cause skin cancer. ChloroFluroCarbons are destroying the ozone layer. CFC's can be found in many styrofoam products such as polystyrene cups, packaging snow, foam insulation, air conditioners and refrigerators.

**How to help:** Try not buy or use products that contain CFC's. Most products now contain the letters 'CFC's' in a circle and a slash going through those letters indicating that that particular product is CFC free. Use a sunblock of at least SPF 30 when in the sun, and use hats and sunglasses to shield your face.

### GLOBAL WARMING

A thick smog-like layer has enveloped the planet due to the amount of pollution that is constantly rising into the air. Warming occurs when the heat rays from the sun come down through this smog and bounce off the earth and then get trapped into a thick layer. This layer gradually warms the planet. The effects of global warming are severe, and can range from droughts to flooding, all due to the rise in sea levels all from the melting of the ice caps. Pollution comes from vehicles, airplanes, factories and the burning of rain forests.

**How to help:** If we stop polluting we can gradually reverse the damage that has been done, but if we wait too long the damage will be beyond repair. Carpool as often as you can...ride your back...or take a walk. Contact local environmental agencies in your area and see what sort of laws govern the factories in your area. Write your congressperson with your concerns.

### ACID RAIN

When certain chemicals that are in polluted air rise and mix with the water vapor in the clouds, the rain that is produced and falls is acidic. Acid rain has been the main culprit for damaged forests, cars, property, and a countless number of monuments and statues. Acid rain has also been found to be responsible for causing many wildlife health concerns.

**How to help:** Help preserve your cars by covering them up when they are outside. Do not aide the problem and dump harmful chemicals, gasoline or soap into rivers and streams. Join an organization dedicated to saving endangered animals.

### RAINFORESTS

Rainforests are like the planet's lungs, they turn carbon dioxide, which is poisonous in large amounts, into clean air. Rainforests are thriving with diverse species of animals and plants that are found nowhere else on this planet. Some of the tropical rainforests plants have valuable medicinal properties and may contain the only known cure for certain diseases. The soil in these forests is only suitable to the rainforest, and when these trees are cut down the soil erodes and washes away. After this the land is useless for much else. After a short time the area where the rain once fell abundantly turns into desert, due to the erosion of rainforest soil. Not only are the forests being burned in the name of economic growth, but with the rainforests disappear unique species of animals.

**How to help:** Don't buy wood products that come from the rainforests, such as mahogany and teak. Don't buy meat raised in the slash and burned areas of the rainforest.



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# The Problem of Teen Pregnancy

For years the problem of teenage pregnancy has plagued our nation. In the early part of the century, teenage pregnancies were kept out of the spotlight because most young women who got pregnant were married or sent off, away from the visibility of society. In recent years however, teenage pregnancy has been highly visible, largely because the age of pregnant teens keeps decreasing, and the number of single mothers keeps increasing. Also, the stories of young women who abandon their babies or hide their pregnancies are becoming more frequent in the media. Certainly the large number of teenage mothers has detrimental effects not only for society, but for the lives of the young women whose future, once a mother, is irrevocably changed. As a women's college, certainly this is an issue that concerns us all. And certainly, we can all agree education is our best line of defense.

Summer Cervantez, Editor in Chief

## FACTS ABOUT TEENAGE PREGNANCY:

- 1) In the US there are about one million teenagers who become pregnant each year.
- 2) The US has the highest teenage pregnancy and birth rate among most other developed countries.
- 3) About 70 percent of all pregnant teens do not receive adequate prenatal care.
- 4) Teenagers have a higher rate of anemia and pregnancy induced hypertension.

- 5) Babies born to teenage mothers are more likely to be born premature and/or suffer from low birth weight, and possible brain damage.
- 6) Many expectant teenage mothers go through denial over the fact they are pregnant. Some may ignore their medical condition, which prevents them from receiving proper medical care. This can have harmful medical consequences for the baby and the mother.



Many young mothers find themselves raising their children alone. (Photo obtained from IMSI's Master Photo Collection)

## CONSEQUENCES OF TEENAGE PREGNANCIES:

- 1) Most young mothers will drop out of high school.
- 2) With their education cut short, teenage mothers may lack job skills, making it hard for her to find and keep a job. As a result they may become dependent on family or on welfare.
- 3) Teens may not have developed adequate parenting skills, or have good social-support systems to help them deal with the stress of raising an infant

## REASONS WHY TEENAGE GIRLS BECOME PREGNANT:

- 1) Ignorance/Lack of education about birth control methods.
- 2) Becoming pregnant is a way to rebel against their parents or society.
- 3) They believe their boyfriend or lover will love them more or never leave them if they have a baby.
- 4) Many teenage girls become pregnant because they are seeking love, and attempting to create a substitute for affection in their lives.

There are success stories of teenage mothers that go on to higher education and do not depend on welfare to support their child, but the reality is a majority of teenage mothers become statistics. Others are lucky enough to have the father

## MORE HEALTH RISKS TO THE BABY:

- 1) Low birth rates.
- 2) Underdeveloped organs.
- 3) Low-birth babies are 40 times more likely to die in their first month of life than normal weight babies.

Facts Compiled by Norma Marquez, Staff Writer

SOURCE: March of Dimes Foundation



of the child around to help out, but that too is uncommon.

## Finding the Birth Control Method That's Right

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

Today's teenagers are having sexual relationships at a very young age and some of them are not protecting themselves against sexually transmitted diseases, such as the AIDS virus, or from becoming pregnant.

According to Anne Rose, a family planning educator, "Birth controls are a personal responsibility." Some teens do not use birth control because they are waiting for the "perfect" method. But Rose believes, "There is no such method. Not today, and according to researchers, not likely in the near future. The only 'best' method of birth control for you is the one you and your partner trust and feel most comfortable about using, and will use correctly and consistently."

Each birth control method has advantages and disadvantages, and the factors that aide its effectiveness will depend greatly on the person's health status, lifestyle, and sexual patterns.

Among birth control methods, the condom and the "pill" are the two most

often used or known. But there are many other methods which may benefit some, but not others. One of those methods is Norplant. Norplant consists of six small capsules that are put under the skin of the patient's upper arm.

The way the method works is that the capsules release small amounts of a hormone that prevents the release of an egg and thickens the cervical mucus in order to keep sperm from joining the egg.

This method can be ceased and removed at any time, but only with the help of a clinician. The effectiveness of Norplant is 99.6 percent, though it is not effective against the contraction of sexually transmitted diseases. The cost ranges from \$500 to \$600 for the exam, implants, and insertion only. If the patient wishes to remove Norplant, it will cost another \$100 to \$200.

Another method is Depo-provera. Depo-provera consists of a hormone shot given in the arm or buttock every twelve

weeks. This shot, like Norplant, prevents the release of the egg, thickens mucus to keep sperm from joining the egg, but Depo-provera also prevents the fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus.

Depo-provera's effectiveness is 99.7 percent and, like the pill and Norplant, is not effective against sexually transmitted diseases. Some advantages of this method include: protection against pregnancy for up to 12 weeks, no daily pill,

to remember, and it protects against cancer of the lining of the uterus and non-deficiency anemia. The cost ranges from \$35 to \$125 for exam only, and from \$30 to \$75 per injection. There are some side effects that include: excessive bleeding, weight gain, headaches, depression, and abdominal pains. These side effects cannot be reversed until the medication wears off, which may take up to twelve weeks. There is also a delay in

the patient getting pregnant after the administration of Depo-provera is stopped.

There are other methods which young women can find out about and choose from, such as the Diaphragm or Cervical cap, Intrauterine Devices (IUD's), Morning After Pills (MAP), sterilization, and continuous or periodic abstinence.

The most effective method clinicians can recommend is still abstinence. It is a highly reliable method to protect against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Abstinence has no medical or hormonal side effects, and some religions insist on abstinence for unmarried people. If anybody would like more information about any of these or other methods, they can contact Student Health Services or Rose at annrose@randomc.com.

The decision to use birth control and what type of birth control to use should be taken seriously, just as well as the decision to start having sex, or the decision to become a mother.

**"No woman can call herself free who does not own and control her body. No woman can call herself free until she can choose consciously whether she will or will not be a mother."**

Margaret Sanger



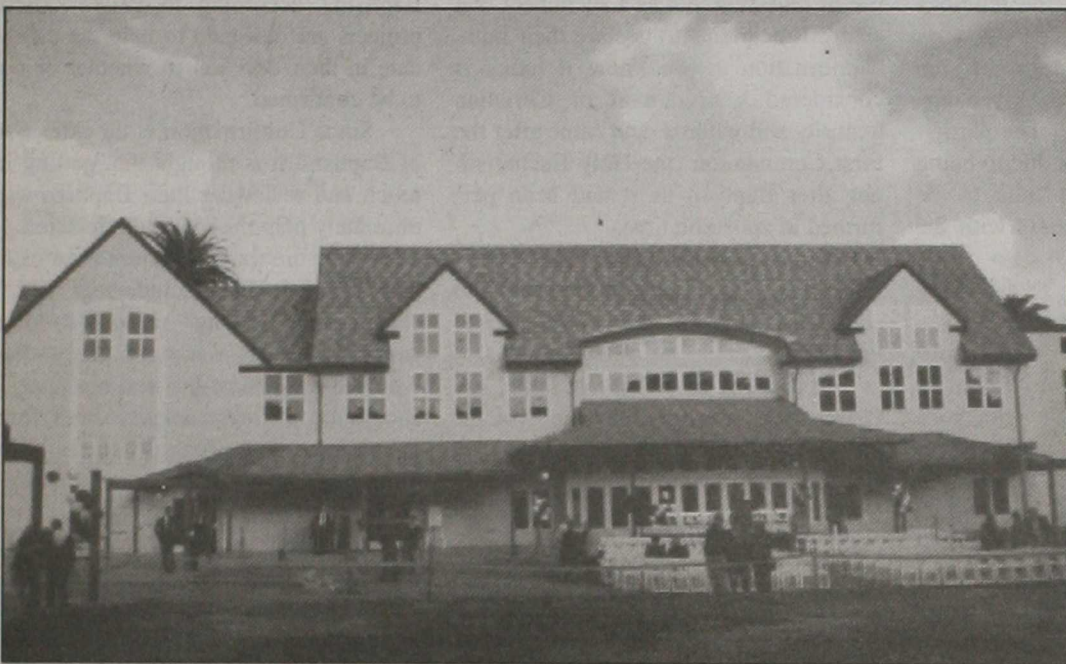
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## The Dedication of the Sr. Magdalen Coughlin Learning Complex A Day of Celebration and Books



On April 23 the Sister Magdalen Coughlin Learning Complex, on the Doheny campus, hosted its formal dedication ceremonies. The new complex houses the J. Thomas McCarthy Library, the Learning Resource Center, and the Fritz B. Burns Health Education Building. Soon, the new complex will house the Mount's Center for Cultural Fluency. The dedication ceremony included tours of the new complex, a book fair, an opportunity to "Adopt-a-Book" for the new library, and a program of speakers including board of trustee members, LA City Council members, honored community religious leaders, faculty and ASB representatives, Sr. Kathleen Kelly, Vice President for the Doheny campus, and Sr. Karen, president of the Mount. Bishop Gabino Zavala, D.D. blessed the complex.



After the program, *Ex Libris* began. The event included a silent auction, dinner, author-hosted tables, and special guest speaker Richard Rodriguez, an award winning writer and essayist. The author-hosted tables included such well-known authors as Diane de Anda, Charles Champlin, Tim Egan, Jonathan Kirsch, Gloria Ricci Lothrop, Sr. Carol Ann O' Marie, Martha Ronk, Chuck Rosenthal, Gail Wronsky, Paul Vangelis, and Marcus McPeck Villatoro. Villatoro, seen here autographing books, will be the Fletcher Jones Chair in English here at the Mount, beginning in the 1998 fall semester.

## The Mount's 1997-98 News Updates: Is Your Phone Working Yet?

Before this year, every student that dormed at the Mount and wanted to have a telephone line had the responsibility of selecting their own company, and deciding whether they wanted to share their telephone line or not. Things changed last semester when a new telephone system was installed at the Mount.

"Telesoft, Inc. is the Mount's present telephone company through their program called Student Telephone Services and will remain so at this point," said Diana Marticorena, Assistant to Vice President of Information Technologies. When this service started last fall, many students were unhappy because of the fees, but Marticorena affirmed that the company has now reduced its rates in order to stay competitive.

Cynthia Ortega, a third year stu-

dent, is still unhappy with this telephone system not because of the fee, but because of the codes students have to use every time they want to make an outside call. "I prefer the old system because this one doesn't have call waiting," explained Ortega.

Mount students were also having problems with calls being disconnected. Marticorena claims this was due to only a few telephone lines serving a large number of calls at the same time. According to Marticorena, this problem has now been solved by the addition of more telephone lines.

Marticorena concluded by saying the Mount is now near the end of the second semester and is expecting the telephone system to run smoother than ever.

## Food Services Now

It appears, by most accounts, the cafeteria has solved the cockroach problem and has made new additions and improvements both in the kitchen and dining area.

Robert Onofre, Chef, said, "Every month Eco Lab comes to inspect and fumigate the cafeteria which helps eliminate all types of insects." Purchasing cleaning products and training the employees how to use them have also aided the elimination of insects.

Onofre continued saying the reason the cafeteria was experiencing problems with cockroaches was because the kitchen was not maintained properly, and there were also a

lot cracks, which allowed insects to sneak in. However, Onofre feels the problems have been solved.

Christine Jauregui, a first year student, said "I have not seen any bugs this semester. I think this problem has been solved."

Other cafeteria improvements have included a new salad bar, new cereal containers, and decorations.

Valerie Dela Cruz, a second year student, said, "The food has gotten better and the cafeteria is cleaner."

Onofre encourages all students to use the suggestion box more often. He feels this will be of tremendous help to plan on the menu for the fall semester.

## Controversy Continues with Collegiate Circuit

The controversy about Collegiate Circuit, the internet site sponsored by Bear Mountain and Thump Records Inc., remains unresolved. The main source of conflict now is the difference in policies between the Doheny and Chalon campuses. Chalon's administration continues to be upset with the fact that the college and its name continues to appear on fliers.

According to Ete Anderson, Director of Student Activities, at the moment, "the college still disagrees with the site because it is associated with alcohol."

Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President of Student Affairs, expressed, "I don't want the school to be associated with

Collegiate Circuit because its sponsors are beer companies, and [it] portrays women in a very negative way." She added that since the Mount is a women's college, this site has the power to put down the reputation the college has worked hard for.

Diana Arevelo, a former collegiate circuit representative for the Chalon Campus, in an interview with *The Oracle* in early March, explained she felt the Collegiate Circuit site was just a promotional device. She also claimed that Doheny uses the site as an organizational component for their events.

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Christina Gonzales  
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Megan Weaver

# Receiving the Holy Spirit

By Joan Fletcher and Norma Marquez  
Assistant Editor and Staff Writer

On April 26, Confirmation candidates from both the Chalon and Doheny campuses underwent their confirmation at Mary's Chapel on the Chalon Campus. Confirmation, one out of Catholicism's seven sacraments, strengthens the individual in the life of the Spirit and it confers on a person a greater responsibility in Christian life. It is also a way to celebrate the presence of God's strength and gifts in a baptized person.

The expected results from confirmation are to have a deeper bond with Jesus, and to perform a greater participation in the religious community. The confirmed person starts to understand the mystery of the Eucharist (the bread and wine given during communion at Mass). The participation in the community is due to being a worker of Christ and thus to be received into a new closeness with the whole church community.

Confirmation was part of the rite of initiation into the Church. As the Church grew, the three components of this rite eventually turned into three separate sacraments—Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Things began to change in the fourth and fifth centuries. During this time, Baptism and Confirmation were performed as separate ceremonies, where the priest performed the Baptism and the bishop the Confirmation. Then, in the fifth century, Pope Innocent I declared that Confirmation and Baptism were indeed different rites.

During the medieval times, Confirmation came to be viewed not as a rite of initiation, but as a sacrament that enabled recipients to declare their faith. Confirmation as we know it today is considered a sacrament of Christian maturity and witness, and came after the First Communion (the Holy Eucharist), not after Baptism as it had been performed in apostolic times.

Today, Confirmation is largely looked upon as a rite of passage into adulthood, instead of an initiation into the Church.

According to Rebecca Pelle, the Director of Confirmation and R.C.A. Coordinator for Campus Ministry, Confirmation is "your final sealing in Catholicism." Those eligible for confirmation are practicing Catholics who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist.

Some people go into Confirmation expecting big changes. They may even expect that it will be a life-changing religious experience, as it is sometimes built up to be. The reality is that most of the change comes way before the ceremony starts. Pelle's hope is that the Confirmation candidates from the Mount realize this.

The biggest requirement for

Confirmation is that the candidate is ready to be confirmed, and that they are prepared to make this commitment. Confirmation is seen as a choice that each individual must make. They must "examine themselves and see if they're ready for Confirmation," said Pelle.

Some of the activities provided to prepare the candidate for their confirmation are educational classes, opportunities to enrich prayer life through Bible studies, and prayer sessions and retreats.

The candidates also prepare themselves by doing projects through the educational classes. For instance, they had to make baptism projects because "Confirmation is an extension of Baptism," according to Pelle. These projects are designed to help the candidate in their decision of whether or not to be confirmed.

Since Confirmation is an extension of Baptism, it is thought that getting in touch and reviewing their Baptism will ultimately help them in their decision.

There are many different reasons to be confirmed. They include both "right" reasons and "wrong" reasons. Some people see it as a sort of graduation, which is not one of the best reasons. It should be a "representative of a final commitment to be Catholic and a desire to be more involved in the community," commented Pelle.

"I am very proud of my confirmation group. I hope they all continue very blessed spiritual lives and continue to grow in faith," said Pelle. She also wanted to remind them that "this is not the end, just the beginning."

Confirmation, in the true sense of the word, should be thought of as the beginning, for it is just a rite of initiation and the candidates whole spiritual life lies before them on this day. It truly is the beginning of a period of learning and great spiritual growth.



The Student Activities Reception took place on April 24. Clubs, organizations, and members were honored for their service and commitment. At the reception, new members of Chalon's ASB were sworn in. Seen here (l to r) is Veronica Martinez, VP, Chair of SAC; Alison Seid, Senior Senator; Regina Bills, Chair of ICC; Ete Anderson, Director of Student Activities; Jackie Balba, ASB President; Kim Fine, Sophomore Senator; and Raquel Carbone, Senior Senator. (Photo by Moria Demby)

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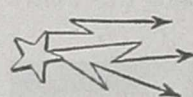
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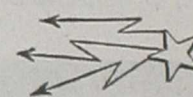
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Congratulations to the Student Heath Advocate Committee for the '98-'99 school year:

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Yanna Yu

Veronica Villanueva

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Erin Matsunaga

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Summer session—June 1 thru August 28

Deadline: May 8

Fall session—October 5 thru January 16, 1999

Deadline: 9/4

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## At The Movies: Your Summer Sneak Peek

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

Throughout the semester, I have been giving you reviews about the latest and hottest movies. So I decided to gather some previews of the movies that will be coming out this summer to make your movie ventures a little bit easier...here we go...

### Godzilla

In 1956, Godzilla was played by a man in a suit. This summer viewers will be able to enjoy Godzilla, through the special effects of computer technology. I have never been a Godzilla fan, but I am rather interested to see how advanced the "new" Godzilla looks. Opens May 30th.

### The Avengers

Ralph Fiennes and Uma Thurman play John Steed and Emma Peel, aligned against diabolical scientist Sean Connery in this adaptation of the 60's TV spy series. I don't really know what the series was about, but it sounds like it has a touch of mystery to it.

### Blade

Wesley Snipes plays the title character—a half-human, half-vampire immortal—dedicated to saving humanity from the bloodsuckers. Doesn't it sound tasty?

### Doctor Doolittle

This comedy, directed by Betty Thomas of *The Brady Bunch Movie*, stars Eddie Murphy, who takes on the role of Rex Harrison. Harrison is a physician who talks to animals. The animals' voices are done by Ving Rhames, Chris Rock, Garry Shandling and Jean Stapleton. I enjoy comedy so this one will be the next on my "must-see" list.

### Lethal Weapon 4

For all those Lethal Weapon fans, here is what you've been waiting for. Chris Rock plays a new detective who joins Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. The three are on a mission to combat an Asian crime family in LA. It will be interesting to see how well Rock develops the role of detective with his zany comedy.

### The Mask of Zorro

Antonio Banderas, of *Assassins* and *Evita*, is back in the role of Zorro. Banderas takes over the gig and role from the original Zorro, Anthony Hopkins. Now it is Banderas' turn to catch a tyrant. This film made the headlines while it was being filmed, so hopefully it is a hit when it comes out.

### Mulan

Disney's 36th animated feature is about the legend of a young Chinese girl who sneaks into the army to save her father and her country. Sounds like a nice film to take your children or siblings to. But of course adults can also go because as they say, "there is a kid inside everyone of us."

### Payback

If you don't get enough of Mel Gibson in *Lethal Weapon 4*, here is another one for you to enjoy. Mel Gibson is relentless in his pursuit of the man who stole his money and left him for dead. This film is directed by first-timer Brian Helgeland, who wrote *Conspiracy Theory* and co-wrote *LA Confidential*.

### How Stella Got Her Groove Back

Angela Bassett plays a forty-something woman who is vacationing in Jamaica and becomes attracted to a man half her age. The film is based on the book by Terry McMillan. Sounds like something I might want to see!

### Species II

She's back! Natasha Henstridge returns as the deadly alien-human seductress. Cloned from the original's DNA, she has returned again to make life miserable for Michael Madsen and Marg Helgenberger. Take someone to hold hands with when seeing this one.

### Untitled Cinderella Project

Drew Barrymore plays Cinderella and Angelica Houston is the wicked step-mother in this version of the fairy tale. I wonder who will play the prince?

I hope this list was helpful and tempting! I wish you all a nice and restful summer. I'll see you at the movies!

## Meet The Oracle Staff: 1998

**Lisa Coleman** is a fourth year student graduating this May with the Class of 1998. During her free time, she enjoys writing poems, going to clubs, and shopping. Her future plans are to go to grad school—USC is her first choice. Lisa believes that one must always have what she calls "back-up plans" in case things do not work out. *The Oracle* was Lisa's first experience in journalism, and it has helped her get a much clearer view of what it means to work for a newspaper. Lisa wants our readers to continue reading *The Oracle* because, according to her, "it's getting better all the time."

**Suzi Schroeder**, first year student and Managing Editor of *The Oracle*, is originally from Phoenix, Arizona. She is an International Business major with a minor in music and leadership. Aside from being a great dancer and talented musician who can play the flute, piccolo, and marimba, she is "very, very, very spontaneous" and loves to have fun. This summer, Suzi will be a camp counselor at Camp Adventure "somewhere either in Europe or Asia." Her reason for joining *The Oracle* was because it is "a great opportunity for hands-on business experience."



Third year English major, volunteer worker, and an *Oracle* staff writer, **Veronica Aguilera** certainly leads a busy life. And, being a first generation college student has not made it any easier. She has had to overcome many obstacles to get to this point in her life. Her dreams of becoming a journalist and going to Grad school are just a step away. She wants all of us to remember that "anything is possible."

Assistant Editor **Joan Fletcher** is a liberal studies major who plans on being a teacher in the future. Joan can be shy at times, but, "once you get to know me, I can't shut up." This spunky red-head, who is a first-year student, plans on working this summer and spending time with her friends. Joan joined *The Oracle* because she missed her high school newspaper. Joan is a firm believer in never giving up and also believes that people should get involved in school activities.

**Moria Demby** has been the photo editor for *The Oracle* since it's revival in 1995. She is a third year student majoring in Liberal Studies and she plans on becoming a kindergarten teacher. Aside from her teaching goals, she would like to pursue freelance photography and writing. This summer Moria plans to catch up on some reading and work as a photography specialist at a youth summer camp.

One of our own—**Veronica Villanueva**. Veronica is a third year student hoping to graduate with her B.A. in Liberal Studies, with a minor in Spanish. She plans on becoming an elementary school teacher. The reason this future elementary school teacher joined *The Oracle* was because she wanted to develop and enhance her writing skills. In her free time she enjoys dancing and socializing with friends and family. Her plans for this summer include summer school and volunteer work.

**Norma Marquez**, a second year student, is a sociology major planning to attend law school and become an attorney in criminal or business law. She is first generation student attending college and feels very proud of herself. Norma chose to write for *The Oracle* because she enjoys writing and wanted to develop her writing skills further. She especially enjoyed writing about Doheny's ghost stories. In the future, she plans to write for a newspaper focusing on law. Her summer will be very busy with two jobs and summer school.

**Josie G. Garcia**, a third year student, is an English Major with a double minor in History and Religious Studies. This is her first semester writing for *The Oracle*. She would like to work in the publishing field, eventually becoming an editor for children's books. This summer she is hoping to be an intern in the publications department at the Huntington Museum in San Marino. When she's not at her studies, Josie loves to Swing Dance and Salsa, watch *The Simpsons*, and root for the 49ers. Josie's favorite words of wisdom to pass on are, "All things happen for a reason, and that reason is good."

**Summer Cervantez**, second year student and Editor-in-Chief of *The Oracle*, grew up in Montana, and came to LA to attend the Mount. She double majors in Philosophy and Psychology and hopes to follow up her BA with grad school, perhaps pursuing feminist philosophy...or maybe journalism. Summer joined *The Oracle* because she thinks it is important to represent the student voice on campus. She encourages everyone to get involved—by either reading, writing, or taking the time to write a letter... "How are we doing?"

## LISA'S LAST WORD... The Final "Whatever!"



Well, my fellow "Whatever!" readers, the time has come for me to say good-bye, adios, peace out...you get the picture. I have truly enjoyed giving you a piece of my mind, my world, and my experience in it.

This has been a year I will never forget. Not just because it was my first attempt at journalistic writing, but because I have learned a lot and grown as a person in the process.

I have been given an opportunity to speak on "whatever" and report on what's going on at the Mount. Though it has brought me great joy to do this, there has been some rough times—like missing deadlines (sorry Summer), not knowing what to write about next (writer's block), and trying to avoid the "dreaded" layout days (Jason and Veronica A. know what I'm talking about). But, other than that, it was all good.

Oh yeah, I know I can't leave without giving a shout-out to the campus itself. Despite all the cock-

roaches and nasty \*\*\* food, I learned things here that I will be able to keep for the rest of my life. It has been within these walls that I have found myself, and though I may not know exactly where my life will go, I know that I am on the right road.

I would like to say a BIG THANKS to Sr. Adele Edwards, you gave me the inspiration to write; Dr. Kidd, your comments only made me want to do better; Jason, thanks for my column, you gave me a chance to express myself; *The Oracle* staff, it was cool like that, working and laughing with you (long live pizza night!); 1st Floor Brady Lounge Crew, keep on watching GH. Last but not least, to the Almighty Class of 1998, there's nothing to say but, "We Out Like O.J.!"

Now it's time to close another chapter in my life and begin a new one.

Have a Great Summer! xoxoxoxoxo  
P.S.—Keep reading *The Oracle*.

## Latest Hits and Style: THIRD EYE BLIND

By Lisa Coleman  
Staff Writer

Straight out of San Francisco, the four man crew of Third Eye Blind is shaking up the music scene with their slamming new album self-entitled, *Third Eye Blind*.

I have to admit that I was kind of skeptical at first, not being a big fan of alternative music. But as soon as I popped in the CD, I immediately became hooked on their funky, new age vibe. With smooth vocals, bionic bass and drums, and melodious guitar and piano accompaniment. This CD speaks for itself.

Songs like *Jumper*, *Graduate*, and *I Want You* only reinforce the fact that this group has what it takes to turn the music world upside down. Their premiere track, *Semi-Charmed Life* (my favorite track) takes us on a realistic journey into the chaotic world of sex and drugs. With traces of psychedelic funk and boogie-filled beats, it makes you real glad that you came along for this wild ride.

Their lyrics are a bit racy, but Third Eye Blind's message is pure and simple: Be real, and open your eyes to the truth.

In all aspects, Third Eye Blind is the 18th letter. Translation? It rules!



## Happy Ads

### Nancy Ramirez,

We're so proud of you! We know all your dreams will come true. You'll always be our baby. Never let go of your dreams. Hugs and Kisses.

*Mom and Dad*

### The London Girls,

Have a great time in London next semester. Send me a post card!

*Suzi*

### Maria Diaz,

Hey chick! Thanks for making life in the financial aid office a fun one. Take care and remember that we will go out this summer (oh yes)!

### Michelle C., Mandy M., and Lorna D.,

Thanks for being great room and suitemates! I love you guys. Have a great summer. Good luck with your summer research, Lorns! Mandy and Michelle, I'll see you two over the summer. Take care and God bless!

*Josie G. Garcia*

### Regina King,

I enjoyed myself at your Family Day. I'm so proud of you, doing what you're doing. Keep up the good work.

Love always,  
*Trudy-Mehein*

### Nancy Ramirez,

WE LOVE YOU A LOT! You're our special sister and Aunt! Thank you for babysitting us and always being there for us. You're the coolest aunt there ever was: Roses are red, violets are blue, "G" Aunt Nancy, you're the best aunt I ever knew! I'm glad you're my BABY SITTER!

*Sally, Natalie, Julie, Laura*

### Erin Culley,

Erin, you are a wonderful daughter—keep up the good work.

*Dad*

### Jackie,

Hi Jackie! Keep up the good work! God bless you.

*Papa*

Have a Happy Summer and see you all next year!

**The Oracle**

# It's So Hard to

## Senior

To all the girls who have Boogie, I leave our sleepless nights. Enjoy!

Hugs and Kisses  
**Christi Wins**  
Biology major

I leave my position as party coordinator to **Chrissy Ruzek**. I leave my smart alec behavior in Dr. Stemp's class to **Mariya Favelyukis**. Finally, I leave late night dessert parties to the gang: **Suzi Schroeder, Chrissy Ruzek, Suzie Berry, Ana Negrete, and Michelle Perry**.

Love y'all.

**Ruth Shaer**  
Biology major

I bequeath to my sister at the Mount my openness to new things to the Mount Community. A special wish to my friends in Campus Ministry--spread the Word of God with eagerness, confidence and love. May God bless and guide each of my dear friends at the Mount.

**Sheree Andaya**  
Biology/Gerontology major

### To the "Dawg" Pound:

Thanks for all the great times and laughs. You gals made my time at the Mount very "interesting," (Sawa)!

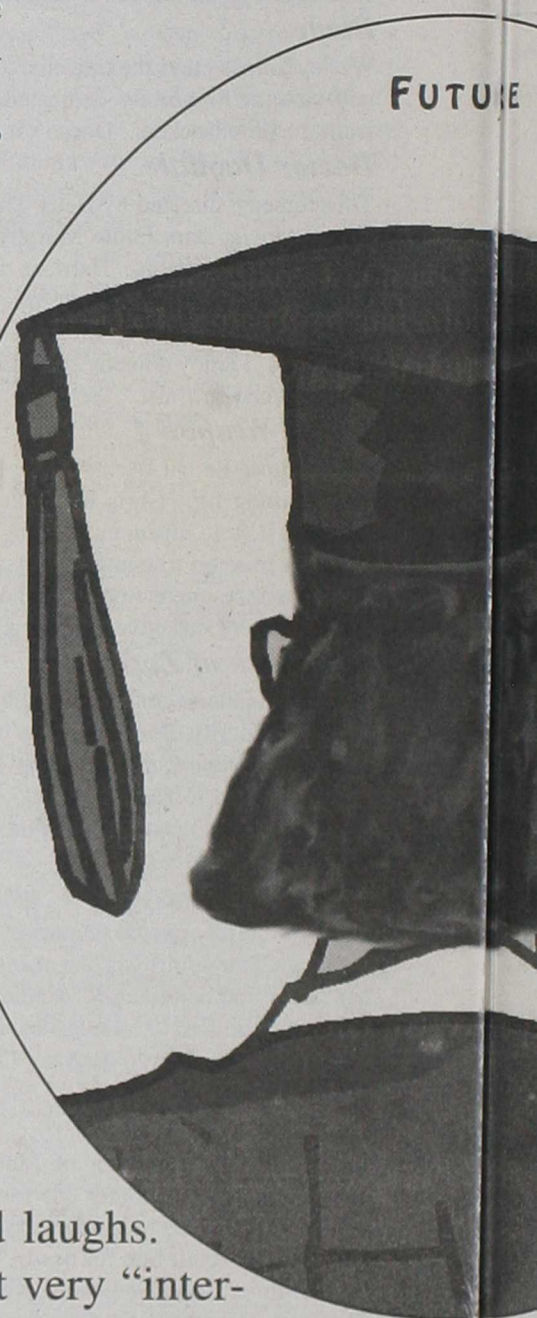
### To my favorite roomie:

Thanks for always being there for me and I'm happy to see that there is someone out there just like me, Love ya Heidi!

### Que puedo decir de mis favoritas mujeres, Olivia y Sara:

Thanks for all those late midnight feedings, "movies," but most of all thanks for being great friends. I love you girls, so we better go and celebrate our graduation.

**Angie Magrigal,**  
Psychology major



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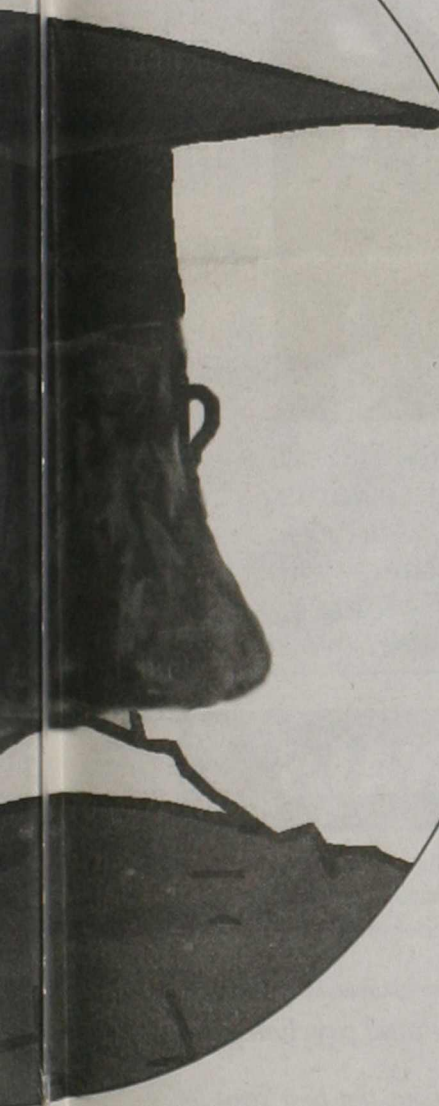
# Say Goodbye...

## Wills

who have ever been to the  
leess Thursday nights.

Kisses to all,  
Winslow,  
gymajor

UTURE



I, Sheryl A. Fayloga, leave all my ASB duties to **Michele Nguyen**. Good luck, M.

I leave all my love and luck to my "filipinas," **Narleen Narciso, Valerie Dela Cruz, and Jackie Balba**. You're almost there guys...

**Sheryl A. Fayloga,**  
English major

I leave my hell-raising abilities to **Suzi Schroeder**.

I bequeath my Shakespeare quotes to **Wendy Galan**.

I leave good moral character to **Auygail Sanchez**.

I bequeath my renaissance outlook to **Kim Fine**.

I will my California "kick back spirit" to **Durgha**.

I will my "I say so" to **Vanessa**.

I will my outspoken spokesperson and loud mouth to **Erin**.

I will my ability to lead to **Brooke**.

**Ana Maria Lopez,**  
Religious Studies major

**To Connie Cortez (My little sister),**

I leave my Kappa memories, pledge paddle supplies, and tons of love.

**To Suzi Schroeder,**

I leave my French workbook, French tape, and MCN memories (you look better in MY dress!)

**To Melissa Corpez,**

I leave my FASA notebook and my event evaluation forms. Good luck next year. (I'm not being sarcastic).

**Christina Solis,**  
Business/English major

## Goodbyes to Graduates

**Daisy,** Well, Good luck.  
**Pam,** Good luck!  
**Donna,** Good luck!

**Mom** **Mrs. Mah** **Mrs. Mah**

**Sheree Andaya,**

Congratulations! Best wishes for upcoming plans. Keep in touch!

**Veronica Aguila,**

Sorry that I only got to know you for one year, but I'm glad that we met. I'll never forget you, Big Sis. I love you.

*Minnie*

**Pam,**

Thanks for all the help with everything. You are an honorary Hawaiian. Eat a lot of Hawaiian food at UH okay!! Lotsa love and Aloha.

*A Hui Hou (until we meet again),*

**Mary Phan,**

Good luck with the P.T.A. Program. Thanks for always being an inspiration. Whenever I see you, you are always in a good mood.

*Keep in touch,*  
*Shela*

**Sonali,**

Lotsa love for everything. Good luck in the future. Lotsa money, too! Take care and I owe you dinner.

*Your favorite Hawaiian,*  
*Tina*

**Gisela Villalta,**

Thank you so much for being there for me this entire year (in all senses). I will definitely miss you much. You better keep in touch. Oh yeah, Polar will miss Bear. You're DA BOMB!!

*Jenny E. Hernandez*

**Ana Maria Lopez,**

Ana Maria, here is your day. I know you were scared you were not going to graduate, pero usted siempre a sido muy inteligente y siempre a buscando la solucion y las fuerzas para salir. Adelante, y esta no iba ser la odcion pare caer. Felicidades y siga como hasta ahora—ayudando al que lo necesita y luchando por lo que desea. Se lo desea de todo corazon.

*Su amiga,*  
*Ana Maria Aguayo*



## One Word: SUMMER!

By Josie G. Garcia and Norma Marquez  
Copy Editor and Staff Writer

Finals will soon have come and gone. With the end of finals, and another school year coming to a close, summer makes its arrival. Although you may be spending your summer working, volunteering, or doing an internship, here are a few ideas to keep in mind when you are ready to have some FUN:

**Go on a vacation**—A trip anywhere is a great way to get rid of all that built up stress from school. Whether it's a trip to a far-off, exotic place like Cancun, or a neighboring state, relax and enjoy.

**Hot dogs anyone?** The boys of summer are back in action and what better way to spend a summer afternoon than at a baseball game. Take a trip to a ballpark and enjoy the game, the atmosphere, and the food.

**Read**—How about reading all those books or magazines that you did not have time to read during the school year? These books will definitely be "a fast read," since they are not text books, and there will be no essay exam immediately following.

**Movie night**—If the heat starts to get to you, travel to your local movie theater and watch one of this summer's many flicks (for related info see Veronica Aguilera's column). What better way to spend your day than in an air conditioned theater, watching a great movie.

**Go shopping**—Now this is the way to spend the summer and all that hard earned cash. Just remember to save a few hundred bucks for tuition and books. You can shop until you drop and not have to worry about missing classes.

**Eat out**—Try a new restaurant you have been dying to go to, but have not made it to. You may like it, you may not—who knows. Either way, you'll still be trying something new and different.

**Expand your creativity**—Many parks offer classes and activities ranging from dance lessons to pottery making. Some classes will resemble a classroom setting, but you there will be no tests or homework to worry about.

**Go hiking**—What better way is there to appreciate nature and get a good work out all in one? Try it, you will love it.

**Get your groove on**—Get dressed up and go out to a club. You can have plenty of fun dancing the night away, while meeting new people.

**"Bond" with family and friends**—The first half of this may sound painful but hey, many students do not see their families until the summer, and this is the best time to bond with them since there may be vacations planned and paid for by parents. This is also a great time to see those far-away friends and just kick it with them by renting a movie, playing a game of cards, or having dinner together.

Whatever you do, just remember, have a safe and FUN summer!!!

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At the moment, Doheny continues to use the site, despite Chalon's policy. Doheny's ASB uses the site to promote their dances, and uses their membership in the collegiate Circuit to receive discounts on fliers.

Lingua plans to explain to Sister Kathleen Kelly, Doheny's Vice President, and Maria Lyons, Director of Student Activities at Doheny, the kind of site Collegiate Circuit is, in the hopes Doheny will no longer be associated with the site either.

## Hope for Cable TV Exists in Residence Halls

Over the past few years, technology at the Mount has improved tremendously. Approximately five years ago, there was no e-mail or internet available to any Mount students, unless they had their own access, and students in the dorms had no hope of ever getting cable TV in their rooms.

The Mount is now equipped with five computer labs (2 at Doheny and 3 at Chalon). All these computers are equipped with full internet

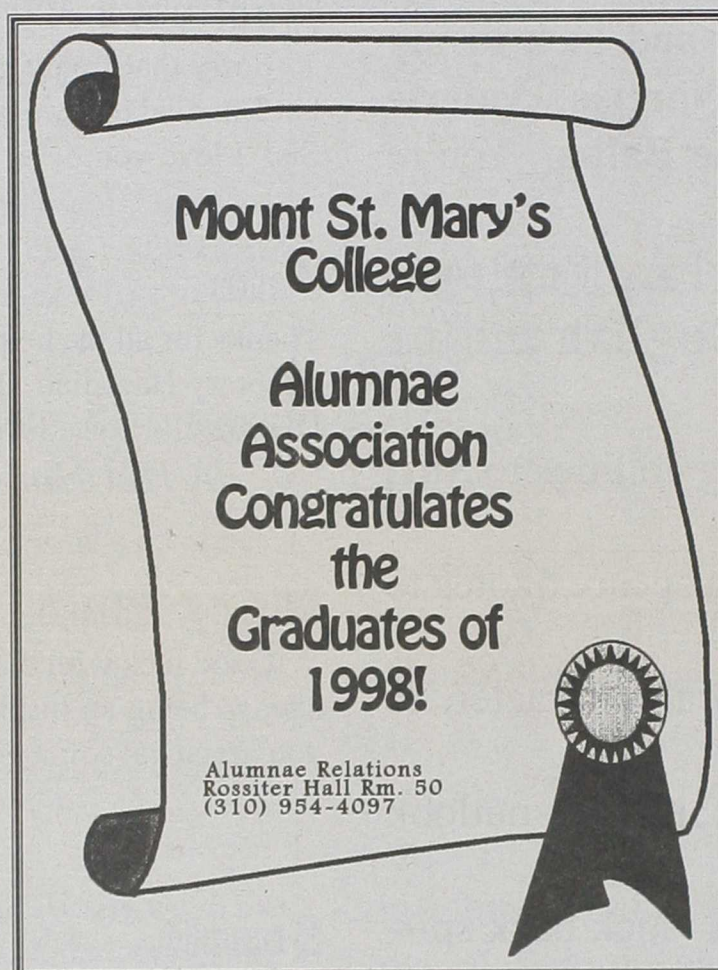
access to the World Wide Web. In addition to the five computer labs, the Mount has a computer graphics art lab and a new computer-enhanced writing laboratory, equipped with 28 computer stations.

This year the Office of Information Technologies has been looking at costs for cable TV, and even looking at the possibility of having a satellite system that could provide better educational broadcasts, as well as TV access.

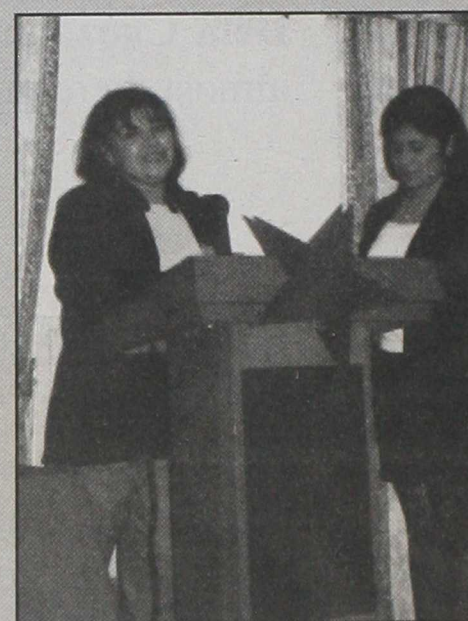
Compared to other uni-

versities, the Mount was considered technologically behind, but fortunately it has been "catching up" during the last few years, and now Mount students have access to computers and the new updated programs. In the future, Mount students will have the opportunity to check course scheduling and even register for classes via the internet.

All updates compiled by  
Veronica Aguilera and  
Veronica Villanueva, Staff  
Writers



## Student Activities Reception



Ete Anderson and Hassel Perez distributed awards during the Friday, April 24 event where Pi Theta Mu received high honors. (Photo by Moria Demby)

## WHAT YOU NEED TO SURVIVE FINALS

By Veronica Aguilera  
Staff Writer

Finals are here, and this is the time that becomes very stressful and difficult for many students; some to the extreme of illness when the fear of failing or letting parents and family members down is at a high.

Being under stress may not affect all students similarly. The truth of the matter is that those who are negatively affected may go through mental and physical stress, experiencing symptoms such as exhaustion, loss of/increased appetite, headaches, crying, sleeplessness, and oversleeping. Sometimes it is hard to handle many things at one time, and some students may try to relieve stress by using drugs and/or alcohol. "The person who uses drugs is not being honest to him/herself because they're pushing their body to the extreme and at the end they're not going to do well," said Juana Martinez, a third year student and a biology major.

Managing stress does not have to be difficult and can easily be done by anyone who is willing to put their effort into it. One key to managing stress is effectively having the ability to maintain control when situations, people, and events make excessive demands. This is something finals week makes students feel and of course, it is something they cannot avoid or run away from, but can learn to cope with.

Each student should set realistic goals for themselves on how and when they will study during finals week. "When I'm already very stressed out, I take a walk and try to go to sleep early," said Martinez.

If any students feel that they need help on a particular subject,

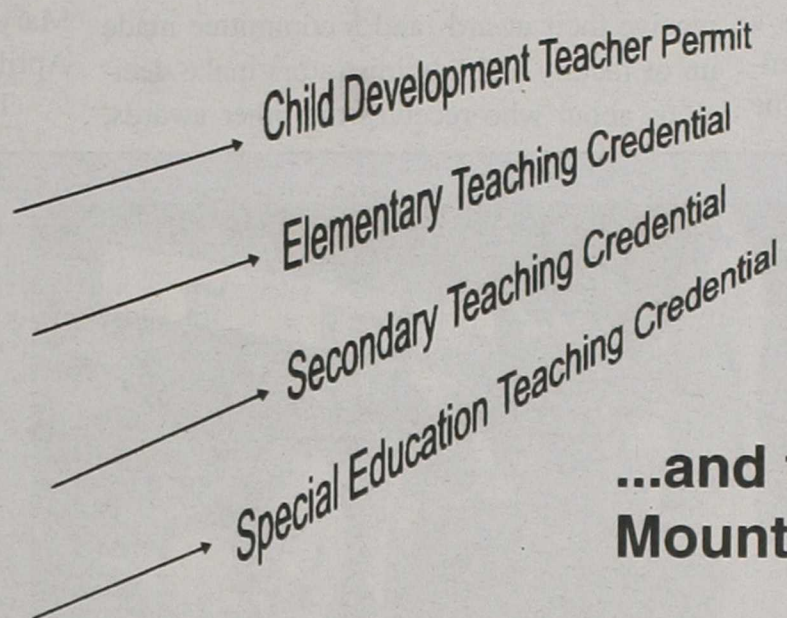
they can contact the Learning Center. They have tutors who are willing to help students in need of assistance. Most importantly, if stress is interfering with a student's schoolwork, social and/or work life, they should seek professional help.

### Here are the 10 top tips by educational psychologists for getting through exams:

- Get help—Ask a teacher or tutor about the best way to review, and about what exam skills can best help you.
- Take short rests during your time of work and review. If your mind is tired, it will not remember well.
- Plan your work—Review at times when you know you will be working at your best.
- Stay healthy—Get enough sleep and eat sensibly.
- Exercise—You need exercise to work well. Walk, run, or play a sport you enjoy.
- Be positive—Stop thinking about the future and don't think about failing.
- Do your best—No one can do more than this.
- Be alert—If you feel ill, talk to someone about your worries.
- But don't be too relaxed! Some stress over exams makes you work hard for them.
- Be sensible—If it upsets you to talk to your friends about an exam when it is finished, don't do it! In fact, don't even think about the exam you have finished. What is done is done. You cannot change what you have written!



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# Reach New Heights

The Associated Student Body  
is still accepting applications for

**Chair of Finance,  
VP Chair of Senate  
5 Senate Positions:**

Junior Senator (2), Sophomore Senator (1),  
Commuter Senators (2);

and

**8 Student Activities Council Positions:**

Athenians Against Apathy (1), Educational Programming (1), Cultural Celebrations (1), Dance Chair (1), Formals (1), Mount Events (1), Multicultural Night (1), Service (1).

*\* Pick up an application in the Student Activities Office, or in the Office of Student Affairs*





## END OF THE YEAR CEREMONIES

### The Celebration of Mary's Day

By Joan Fletcher  
Assistant Editor

Mary's Day is officially described as a "celebration in which the college community honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus." The celebration includes a procession to the statue of Mary, who is then crowned with a wreath of flowers.

Mary is celebrated as a "courageous woman who brought new life to the world by her openness to the Spirit and her willingness to walk a new and risky path."

The celebration has been a Mount tradition for over 50 years. During the day those students who have developed gifts of service, and have shown a desire to share those gifts with the world are recognized.

Most of the awards go to

graduating students, but the ceremony is for the entire Mount community.

Each department determines who will receive their award and a committee made up of faculty and administrators make decisions about who receives the other awards,

such as the President's Award.

The ceremony is put together by Student Affairs and Campus Ministry. This year, Mary's Day was held in the Little Theater on April 25, at 2:00 pm.

The event started with a few moments of reflection and prayer before the awards were formally announced. There were many smiles and cheers of congratulations as each person received recognition.

The winners of various departmental awards were announced first, followed by the recognition of the members of various honor societies, such as Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Scholastic Honor Society and Lambda Iota Tau, the International Honor Society for Students of Literature. The ceremony concluded with the announcement of the Presidential Awards and the crowning of the statue of Mary.



Seen here is the Crowning of the Statue of Mary, done in honor of Mary and in celebration of the arrival of spring. (Photo by Moria Demby)

### The History and New Changes of Laurel Day

By Veronica Villanueva  
Staff Writer

Laurel Day is the yearly traditional celebration at Doheny, where recognition and awards are given to students for academic and extracurricular excellence throughout the year.

This celebration is very similar to Mary's Day on the Chalon Campus. While the awards given are only for Doheny students enrolled in the associate program, all students and are invited to participate, along with their families and other guests.

According to Sr. Joseph Adele Edwards, the former Coordinator of Student Activities, Laurel Day began in the mid 1960's. Originally, two awards were given—the academic achievement award and the extra curricula involvement award.

The academic achievement award is still awarded to a student, or to students who the faculty within the appropriate department feel should be honored.

Under the extra curricular involvement award that is still awarded, there are now three separate awards given. The Laurel Wreaths awardee is a first or second student involved in extracurricular service for a year.

The Laurel Circle award is for a second year student with two years of extracurricular activity services, and the Outstanding Laurel Award is for a student who is seen by her peers as having made an outstanding contribution to the Doheny Campus.

Edwards continued saying, "Later, the Estelle award, the highest one which still continues to be, was established."

Faculty and staff nominate a student or students. This award is presented by the president of the college for an outstanding student who exemplifies the quality of friendliness and generosity in the name of Mrs. Estelle Doheny.

Until 1980, the ceremony included the academic hooding, where the president confers the hood on the graduates. The ceremony used to be held in the Carondelet Center, the Wigwam or the Lecture Hall. In recent, the ceremony has been held in front of the mansion.

According to Sr. James Marien Dyer, a member of the graduation committee, this year the ceremony will not include the academic hooding, as it has in the few past years. The celebration is returning to the traditional format of earlier in Doheny's history.

Planning is moving along with lists of recipients being gathered, programs going to press, food being ordered, etc.," Dyer explained.

Also, The Newer Volunteer Recognition Day, where students are recognized for volunteer services out side agencies, and The Sophomore Prayer Service, two events which have been held during the busy week before graduation, are going to be incorporated in the celebration. Dyer confessed that three will be a special surprise, but she wouldn't mention anything else.

Laurel Day this year is again to be scheduled in front of the Doheny Mansion. Dyer encourages all students, faculty and staff to participate.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS GIVEN AT MARY'S DAY

##### **Honors Program Graduates**

Dorothy Joan Marquez  
Cristina Solis  
Dianne Stewart

##### **Distinguished Community Service Award**

Sheree Andaya  
Maria Ocampo

##### **Brady Award**

Ana Maria Lopez

##### **Sister Rebecca Doan Award (Intercampus Transfer)**

Uyen Tran

##### **Distinguished Transfer Student Award**

Trisha Pena

##### **President's Award**

Andrea Graybehl  
Lillianne Legra  
Pamela Monzon  
Jennifer Ward  
Trisha Pena  
Cristina Solis  
Marla Ferguson  
Angila Romious  
Donna Daigdigan  
Maria Ocampo  
Mary Phan